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Spring Brook Women's Institute

The monthly meeting of the Spring Brook Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. John McKeown, 12th line, Rawdon, on Wednesday, Nov. 29th. There was a good attendance, 12 members and 4 visitors. Two of the visitors gave their names in to become members — Mrs. Sanford Meiklejohn, and Miss T. Forestell. Mrs. John Webb, jr. while giving in her report of the Annual Convention, a brief account of what she heard, showed that she was fully alive to the great work being done by Women's Institutes in Ontario and of the necessity of still greater effort being put forth by the Spring Brook Branch.

Our President, Mrs. Fred Fenn, read a most interesting paper on The Value of Cheerfulness. She certainly had a subject suited to her abilities.

"How and When to Rest," was the subject of Mrs. Sam Forestell's paper. She was listened to with interest and appreciation.

The winter public meeting will be held at Mrs. Will Reid's, Spring Brook, on Monday, Dec. 18th, at 2 p.m. In the evening, the Women's and Farmers' Institutes will hold a joint meeting in the Foresters Hall. It will be to the interest of all to attend.

Child Burned to Death

The five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sutherland, of Monteagle was burned to death on Friday evening, Dec. 1st.

Mrs. Sutherland went out to the barn to milk, and left the little girl with a younger brother alone in the house. The children got possession of an Eaton catalogue, and commenced tearing the pages out and burning them in the stove. The youngster's dress became ignited, and when her mother returned, almost every inch of clothing was burned from her body and her flesh was reduced to a crisp.

Dr. Embury was hastily summoned, but he could do nothing, and in about five hours death mercifully ended her suffering.

The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community — Bancroft Times.

Madoc Junction Items

Rev. Mr. Byers and Mrs. Byers called on several of their friends here last week, and had tea with Mrs. French.

The teachers and superintendent of the Sunday School here attended the S. S. Convention last week at Foxboro. All were delighted with the programme of speakers, to say nothing of the bountiful tables for which Foxboro people are noted.

A number of people from here attended the services at West Huntingdon last Sunday to hear a former pastor, Rev. E. E. Howard, morning and evening. The church was crowded to the doors in the evening. The closing words of the sermon were—"Pray about your health, pray about your business, pray about the weather, pray without ceasing. 'More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.'"

Anniversary services here afternoon and evening next Sabbath.

Glen Ross

The young people of Carmel Sunday School have decided to hold their Christmas entertainment on Thursday the 21st of December. They have an elaborate and extensive programme, which should attract a large crowd.

Mrs. C. Bailey celebrated her birthday last Saturday by inviting her friends to a birthday dinner and social afternoon, in which everybody enjoyed themselves immensely.

Speaking of automobiles and 1912 styles, there are none that have anything on the large and commodious practice vehicle which at present is running in these parts.

Mrs. Saunders of Wellington, Prince Edward County, is at present visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Hubel.

Mrs. A. E. Wensley, of Frankford, paid her brother Mr. Mark Anderson a short visit last week.

Mr. Downey, principal of Central School Peterboro, gave a very interesting address here last Sunday on the question of Temperance.

Mr. S. Hubel is somewhat improved in health.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of $150.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and a cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

Report of Potato Growers' Association at L'Amable

On the evening of Nov. 30th, L'Amable Farmers' Club met in the Orange Hall for the purpose of organizing a Potato Growers' Association. About fifty farmers were present.

Mr. Wm. Kerr of the Department of Agriculture, Stirling, gave a sound, practical, and instructive address on Potato Culture. This was followed by a careful and thoughtful address on Co-operation by the District Representative, Mr. A. D. McIntosh, who pointed out the importance and advantages of cooperation among the farmers if they would successfully compete with other districts in getting the best markets for their crops. Considerable discussion took place, which resulted in the formation of the "Hastings County Cooperative Potato Grower's Association." At the close of the meeting the members subscribed 125 bushels of seed potates of one kind.

The Rules and By-laws of the Association were decided upon and copies will be sent to each member. Any farmer who does not understand the operation or principle of this Association can get full information by writing to the L'Amable Farmers' Club, (Thos. Turriff, Secretary, Turriff, P.O.) or to the Department of Agriculture, Stirling.

On the day after the meeting, Mr. Wm, Kerr, first Pres. of L'Amable Farmers' Club, received a letter of inquiry from a Woodstock firm asking him if his Club could furnish their firm with a carload of potatoes.

It is believed that other branches of this Association will be formed during the winter.

Chatterton Chips

The farmers got about through fall plowing before the freeze up, and have their work in good shape.

Geo. Paliser who lives near here all alone, is sick and unfit to look after himself. His friends and neighbors have tried to have him go to the House of Refuge, where he could be properly looked after, but he won't go.

Reuben Turner will have an auction sale of his loose property on Friday the 15th, at his residence in Turner's Settlement.

The farm which has been in the family a good many years has been sold to Mr. Fitchett from Spring Brook.

J. S. Connor was the only one of our hunters who brought much from the woods this trip. He got a deer and a bear.

Gardener Mitts has his house nearly finished and will be quite comfortable and cosy.

Foxboro Notes

We had the success of the year on Thursday evening, Nov. 30th, when the Women's Institute gave their entertainment in aid of the cement walks. It was a drama (Our Folks) in three acts, with eleven taking part. Every one seemed just suited for his or her part, and one only needed to hear the continual bursts of applause to know that it was greatly enjoyed by all. The Rev. Mr. Brown was the chairman, and between acts there were musical selections by Messrs. Thos. Holgate, and Lawrence Ketcheson. Dr. Bert Faulkner gave a little of the business side of the Institute's work in connection with the walks which are such a credit to our prosperous village. During the evening, popcorn and delicious home-made candy, were sold through the audience. The proceeds of the evening amounted to one hundred dollars. There have been so many demands for this company to repeat their drama here and in other places that they are putting it on in the Town Hall, Canniffton, Thursday, Dec. 14th. Everyone who missed the great treat here will be able to hear it next Thursday in Canniffton. The part taken by Mrs. MacFarlane will be taken by another lady, as she is in Montreal with her husband, the guest of his parents and will be gone until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ashley have returned from their wedding trip.

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CLOSE QUARTERS;

OR, THE HOUSE IN THE RUE BARBETTE

CHAPTER X.—(Cont'd)

"I hate to be beaten at the final stage," he continued. "And I have a premonition that were I in England—had I but the power to proceed unchecked and unhindered by officialdom—I would soon lay my hands on the man who originated the Albert Gate mystery. But we are in France—in a country of queer legal forms and unusual methods. At home I can always circumvent Scotland Yard; here I am in the midst of strange surroundings, and know not what may happen. Therefore, we must possess our souls in patience and wait developments. The agent I have just employed has promised me to report every two hours at the hotel until eight o'clock. Then I will take personal charge of the Cabaret Noir, and——"

"What about me?" cried Fairholme.

"You, my dear fellow, will remain at the hotel and await orders."

"How long am I to sit chewing cigars in our rooms, then?"

"All night, if necessary. If I do not appear by seven o'clock to-morrow morning you had better go to the Embassy and tell one of the secretaries everything connected with out visit to Paris. He will then take action through the police in proper form, and after that you must simply await developments."

"Do you mean to say," said Fairholme, anxiously, "that you are contemplating another risky bit of business to-night?"

"Once I take my stand outside the Cabaret Noir about 8.30 I cannot tell where Fate may lead me. If I am lucky I will certainly return, whatever be the personal outcome. If, on the other hand, I learn nothing, you may certainly expect to see me about two in the morning."

At the hotel Brett found awaiting him a letter delivered by the midday post. It was from his elderly assistant in London, whom he had told to make a close scrutiny of all inhabited houses within a certain radius of the Carlton Hotel. The man had done his work systematically, and in only three instances was he called on to report doubtful cases.

Two foreign restaurants in side streets contained a number of residents concerning whom it was difficult to obtain specific information.

One of these establishments he believed to be the resort of Continental gamblers driven from Soho by the too marked attentions of the police. The other was a place of even more questionable repute, and in both instances he had utterly failed to obtain the slightest information from the servants, who apparently "stood in" with the management.

The third dwelling which courted observation was a flat situated above some business premises in another quiet street. So far as he could learn, it was tenanted by an elderly lady who was a helpless invalid, waited on by a somewhat curious couple.

"They are Italians. I think," wrote the ex-policeman, "and very uncommunicative people. I have twice called, on one pretext or another, but when the door is opened it is always kept on a chain and I cannot see more than the face of a man or woman and a few inches of wall beyond. Still, I have no reason to doubt that the view taken by the milkman and baker is correct, namely, that the owner of the flat is confined to her bed and is suffering from a nervous disease, which renders it imperative she should be shut off from all noise. The landlord informs me that these people have occupied the place for nearly two months. Their rent is paid in advance, and they have not given the slightest cause for complaint. There are, of course, in this district a large number of private lines, and, although some of their patrons might well demand closer observation, I have come across nothing suggestive of any suspicious circumstances whatever with reference to them. I have detained my report until I was able to give details concerning the other houses in the district, and I will now fall back on the second part of your instructions, i.e., to maintain a close watch on the three establishments which I have picked out as being more unusual in their habits than the others." This was all.

Soon after three o'clock a report arrived from the agent in the Rue du Chaussee d'Antin. It read—

"Nothing unusual has occurred in the vicinity of the Cabaret Noir. The customers frequenting the place are all of the ordinary type and do not call for special comment.

"A Turkish gentleman quitted the house No. 11, Rue Barbette, at 1:45 p.m., but returned shortly before two o'clock. Half an hour later a man, whom my assistant recognized as a member of a well-known gang of flash thieves, entered the place. His name is Charles Petit, but he is generally known to his associates as 'Le Ver.' He is small, well-dressed, and of youthful appearance, but really older than he looks. He is still in the house inhabited by the Turks."

"What is the meaning of 'Le Ver'?" said Fairholme.

"It means 'The Worm,'" answered Brett.

"I must say these chaps do find suitable nicknames for one another. I wonder if he is the fellow we followed to Montmartre this morning?"

"Possibly, though I am puzzled to understand why he should trust himself in that hornets' nest again. Most certainly the description covers him, but we shall probably hear more details later. I wonder where the Turkish gentleman went whom 'Le Ver' seems to have followed. He could not have gone to the Cabaret Noir in the time?"

Brett's curiosity was answered to some extent by the next report, delivered about five o'clock. It read as follows—

"Le Ver is still in the house No. 11, Rue Barbette. My agent explains that he did not follow the Turk, who left and returned to the place earlier, because his definite instructions were not to leave the locality, but to report on all persons who entered or left. Absolutely nothing has transpired in this neighborhood since my first report.

"Gros Jean, the father of La Belle Chasseuse, arrived at the Cabaret Noir soon after four o'clock. My agent ascertained from the cabman who drove him that Gros Jean had hired the vehicle outside the Gare de Lyon. Otherwise nothing stirring."

At seven o'clock came developments.

"Three Turkish gentlemen have quitted No. 11, Rue Barbette, but the Frenchman is still there. As it might be necessary to follow another person leaving the house, I stationed another watcher with my assistant, and this second man followed the Turks to a restaurant in the Grand Boulevard. So far as he could judge, they seemed to be excited and apprehensive. They drank some wine and conversed together in low tones. At 6:15 they quitted the cafe and rapidly jumped into an empty fiacre, being driven off in the direction of the Opera. So unexpectedly did they leave their seats that before my agent could hire another cab they had disappeared in the traffic, and although he drove after them as rapidly as possible, he failed again to catch sight of them. I have reprimanded him for his negligence, although he did right in coming at once to me to report his failure. In accordance with your instructions, I have ordered the watchers at the Cafe Noir and in the Rue Barbette to be in this office at 8.15 p.m."

"Now I wonder," said Brett, "why the Turks left the Frenchman alone in No. 11. It is odd, to say the least of it. Since the dramatic discovery of the spurious diamonds this morning they must be even more in the dark than I am. It must be looked into, but I cannot attend to it now. At this moment, if I am not mistaken the centre of interest is the Cafe Noir."

The two men occupied a sitting room on the first floor of the hotel, and their respective bedrooms flanked it on each side. Brett explained that he could not tackle the table d'hote dinner, so he made a hasty meal in their sitting-room and then excused himself whilst he retired to his bedroom to change his clothing.

He was absent some twenty minutes, and Fairholme amused himself by glancing over the copies of the day's London newspapers which had recently arrived. Suddenly the door of Brett's bedroom opened, and a decrepit elderly man appeared, a shabby-genteel individual, disfigured by drink and crumpled up by rheumatism.

"Who the devil——" began Fairholme.

But he was amazed to hear Brett's familiar voice asking—

"Do you think the disguise sufficiently complete?"

"Complete!" shouted Fairholme "why, your own mother would not know you."

"That is all right," said the barrister cheerfully. "I will now proceed to get quietly drunk at the Cafe Noir. Good-bye until seven o'clock to-morrow morning—perhaps earlier, and perhaps—well, no—until seven o'clock!"

They shook hands and parted, and not even Brett, the cleverest amateur detective of his day, could have remotely guessed where and how they would meet next.

Montmartre by day and Montmartre by night are two very different places. It flourishes by gaslight; by day it is garish and forlorn.

Prominent among the regular houses of entertainment was the Cabaret Noir, which, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 1 a.m., usually drove a roaring trade. Situated in the heart of a mountebank district, its patrons embraced all classes of society, from the American tourist with his quick eyes noting the vagaries of demi-mondaines, to the sharp-witted Parisian idler, on the alert for any easy and dishonest method of obtaining money which might present itself.

Among such a crowd a wine-sodden and decrepit old man was not likely to attract particular attention.

He sprawled over the table close to one of the windows which commanded a view of the side passage leading to the rear of the building. Although none of the noisy crowd in the cafe could suspect the fact, the half-closed eyes of this elderly drunkard noted the form and features of every individual who entered or left by the main door, whilst at the same time he paid the utmost possible attention to the comings and goings of any person who used the passage by the window.

Brett began to feel that his diligence that night would not be rewarded.

At five minutes past eleven, however, a pink-and-white Frenchman, neatly attired, unobtrusive both in manner and deportment, entered the cafe and seated himself quietly near the door. He ordered some coffee and cognac, and lighted a cigarette.

The barrister, of course, took heed of him as of all others, and he would soon have placed him in the general category that merited no special attention had he not noticed that the newcomer more than once glanced at the clock and then towards the corner bar, whence, it will be remembered, a small door led towards the billiard saloon in which La Belle Chasseuse had displayed her prowess with the pistol.

In such a community the stranger's self-possession and reticence were distinguishable characteristics. So Brett watched him, largely for want of better occupation.

"That is a man of unusual power," was his summing up. "He is elegant, fascinating, unscrupulous. Although apparently out of his natural element in this neighborhood, he has some purpose in putting in an appearance in such a place as this at a late hour. His hands are large and sinewy, his wrists square, and, although slight in physique, I should credit him with possessing considerable strength. Being a Frenchman, he should be an expert with the foils."

Brett had hardly concluded this casual analysis of the person who had enlisted his close observation, when the private door into the bar opened and Mlle. Beaucaire entered.

Without taking the least notice of any of the numerous occupants of the cafe she turned her back on them, and apparently busied herself in checking the contents of the cash register. Beyond this useful instrument was a mirror, and Brett at once perceived that from the point where she stood she could command a distinct reflection of the pink-and-white Frenchman.

The latter was gazing at the clock, and whilst doing so stroked his chin three times with his right hand. Immediately afterwards La Belle Chasseuse three times rang the bell of the register, and then, having apparently concluded her inspection, quitted the bar as unceremoniously as she had entered. Half a minute later the Frenchman finished the remains of his cognac, and passed into the street.

It was with difficulty that Brett restrained himself from following him, but he was certain that no one could leave the residential portion of the building without using the passage—a view of which he commanded from his window—and he resolutely resolved to devote himself for that night to shadowing the ex-circus lady.

His patience and self-denial were soon rewarded. A light, quick step sounded in the passage, and a shrouded female form shot past the open window.

Then the inebriated individual, now hopelessly muddled by drink staggered towards the door and lurched wildly round the corner just in time to see mademoiselle crosse the Boulevard.

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The fourth scientific report of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund has just been issued in London. It contains important papers by Dr. Haaland, Dr. Murray and Dr. Bashford. These are highly technical and profusely illustrated with drawings of microscopic preparations which will convey little to the lay mind. But every one may learn something of their cancer problem as a whole from Dr. Bashford's general introduction. Among questions which were early set at rest were that cancer was not due to a common casual parasite; that it was not a recent acquirement, and that the age incidence of cancer in man and animals is in the absence of communicability, compatible only with the recognition of the intrinsic cellular nature of cancerous prolifiration. Another conclusion from experiments is that each tumor is peculiarly and genetically related to the individual in which it arises. The individuality of cancer, both as regards the organism attacked and the tumor, seems to have been placed at last beyond all further doubt. Such a relationship has long been maintained in various forms on the basis of deductions drawn from microscopical examination of the tissues at the site of the primary lesion and from the nature of dissemination; but this interpretation of the findings has been as vehemently disputed. The combination of the results arrived at by microscopical investigation and experimental study appears to complete the demonstration a long step has thus been taken in defining the direction in which the future investigation of cancer is alone likely to be profitable.

The study of the occurrence of cancer in mankind and in domesticated animals in widely separated parts of the globe has shown that the practice of peculiar customs, involving the application of chronic irritants to particular parts of the body, provokes the disease in situations and organs from which it is absent when these customs do not obtain. It is reasonable to suppose that the frequency of cancer would be diminished if such practices as the use of the Kangri in Kashmir, chewing betel nut in India and eating very hot rice in China were discontinued. It is also reasonable to assume that the introduction into England of these exotic customs would greatly increase the frequency of cancer in this country.

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MAKING SAFE INVESTMENTS

INDUSTRIAL BONDS BETTER THAN REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES IF VALUE OF LAND IS SUFFICIENT.

Must be in Excess of Bonds, However, to Make this True—"Industrials" Form a Popular Investment in Canada Where Railroad Bonds are Practically Unknown.

The articles contributed by "Investor" are for the sole purpose of guiding prospective investors, and, if possible of saving them from losing money through placing it in "wild-cat" enterprises. The impartial and reliable character of the information may be relied upon. The writer of these articles and the publisher of this paper have no interests to serve in connection with this matter other than those of the reader.

(By Investor.)

The relative popularity of investments in Canada differs very materially from that in the United States. Here, for example, railroad bonds are practically unknown. One can carefully scan the lists of bond dealers' offerings and the advertisements in the financial press without seeing any railway bonds offered for sale. In the States, on the contrary, they stand first in the estimation of conservative investors. And after railroad mortgage bonds come railway equipment bonds. In Canada, investors often have opportunities to invest in railroad equipment bonds, but as a rule these are eagerly taken in large amounts elsewhere, and so Canadians cannot give these the position in their scheme of investing that they deserve. As a result, they must fall well down in rank of relative popularity, coming after industrials, and even real estate mortgages and investment stocks, not in security, of course, but only in popularity.

And so, as we are treating these securities in accordance with their relative popularity and not according to their relative merits, we come now to the study of industrial bonds. "Industrial" bonds are bonds secured by mortgage of some manufacturing, mercantile or miscellaneous company of a private character. The consideration of an industrial bond as an investment from the point of view of safety involves a more thorough investigation than that of a municipal. The safety depends, of course, on the success of the security on which the mortgage is based, over the amount of the outstanding obligations. But this margin is by no means easy to determine. "Even when determined," says a writer on this subject, "the rule is difficult of application, because a margin which may seem insufficient from the point of view of physical valuation may be satisfactory when considered as the equity of a working concern." That is to say, the "good-will" of an active business, while it should not be reckoned as a proper security for a mortgage, may be of sufficient value to render the bonds amply safe when the good-will stands as a marginal security. Then, too, machinery is valuable only where it is being used. A negative example of this may be seen in the unfortunate position of the bondholders of the Amalgamated Asbestos Corporation. This company—primarily a mining concern, but with many points in common with the ordinary industrial—has valuable properties and good machinery; but its business is one in which "good-will"—i.e., business connection, satisfied customers, etc.—counts for little. Consequently, when the demand for asbestos products fell off the corporation was unable to sell its output in the face of competition, most of its customers preferring, apparently, to buy from any other company than the so-called "trash." Had it had a "good-will" worthy the name it might have tided over the dull times in the asbestos trade. It must be borne in mind, however, that good-will is not a proper security for a bond, but is valuable only as an "equity."

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In estimating the safety of industrial bonds the most easily estimated asset is its real estate. The first point, therefore, to be determined is the value of the company's real estate holdings, on which, of course, the bond is a first mortgage. Should, as is sometimes the case, the value of the real estate—exclusive of buildings—equal or exceed the amount of the mortgage the security is ample, and the bond has all the good features of a real estate mortgage, with none of its drawbacks. Of course, any first-class banking house handling an industrial issue will not base this determination on the cost of the land or the value at which it stands in the company's books. It is only the appraised value which is of any importance. For example, the property and plant of the Amalgamated Asbestos Corporation stood on the books last year at $17,000,000. Let us say that the plant took up $7,000,000—an excessive figure, of course. We have $10,000,000 for the property to stand behind a bond issue of $7,500,000. But the $10,000,000 may represent the PAR VALUE of securities paid for the property at the time of the amalgamation, while those may have been given at a value of only 50 cents on the dollar. In this way the actual cost of the property may be only $5,000,000, whereas the real worth of the property as determined by appraised value may be much less than even this amount. If, then, the appraised value of real estate is less than the mortgage the investor must consider several other factors.

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Sea Foam.—Use two cups of best brown sugar, put enough water on to melt sugar, boil until it can be made in soft ball; beat white of an egg stiff, pour the syrup on in small stream, beating hard at the time. Beat until almost cool, then drop in little cakes on buttered plate.

Kneaded Fudge.—Two cups of granulated sugar, one cup of milk or cream, two tablespoons of grated chocolate, butter the size of an egg, a 10 cent box of marshmallows. Put these in when fudge is boiling. Test the fudge in a cup of cold water and when it forms a ball, take off fire and beat hard until it is thick enough to take into your buttered hands and knead. After kneading put in a buttered dish and cut in squares.

Crisp Popcorn.—To keep popcorn crisp when already buttered, keep it in the warming oven of a range. Pop a large quantity at a time, then put some aside in a crock and in two weeks it may be placed in a moderate oven and heated, then buttered, when it becomes more delicious than when first popped.

Popcorn Balls.—Pop corn and select carefully all the best part; make syrup with one pound of light brown sugar, one-half cup of water, one-half cup of vinegar. Let boil until it strings, pour over corn, stir well, let cool a little, dip hands in cold water, and make balls quickly.

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DESSERTS.

Coffee Pontea.—A simple dessert and a most excellent one is made with one cup rich cream, one cup sugar, one-half cup strong coffee; have cream and coffee chilled, add sugar, whip stiff. Pour in mold, pack in snow, and salt or ice for several hours.

Banana Royal.—Take one pint of cream, three well beaten eggs, one cup of sugar, and one teaspoon vanilla. Stir thoroughly and freeze for twenty minutes, then divide into six parts. Take six small bananas and cut them lengthwise and lay two halves on each dish; then add preserved fruits to suit taste.

Poverty is no disgrace—if your credit's good.

Attorney—"Why do you wish a divorce from your wife?" Mr. Sagg—"Uh—kaze I's mar'd to her, o'cou'se, sah!"

No bachelor likes to be roasted, but it is no more uncomfortable than being married and kept in hot water.

WHEN TURKEY RULED OCEAN

OTTOMAN FLEETS WERE A TERROR TO NATIONS.

Battle of Lepanto Was First Death-Knell of Turkish Sea Power.

It is difficult in these days of Turkish naval degeneration to imagine that there was a time when Turkish seamen and Turkish fleets dominated the Mediterranean to the terror of the Christian nations that bordered it and traded upon it. There are many famous seamen in the annals of the Ottoman Empire, and many naval actions of great magnitude—in fact, the most stupendous maritime conflict of historic times was the Battle of Lepanto, fought in 1571, in which the Christian League of the nations at the Western end of the Mediterranean finally overthrew the Turks and practically put an end to the period of his naval domination.

The first of the great Turkish sea kings was Uruj Barbarossa, who was born on the Island of Lesbos toward the close of the fifteenth century. For some time he cruised in the Archipelago, following the not unusual occupation of a buccaneer, but he soon grew ambitious, and, sailing with an increased force along the African coast, he fixed up an agreement with the King of Tunis, under which he had free use of that port on condition that he handed over a fifth of his booty. The first exploit of Uruj at this end of the Mediterranean was the capture of two richly laden galleys belonging to Pope Julius II., whose crews were so astounded at the sight of Turkish turbans in such Western waters—the affair took place off the Island of Elba—that they made

HARDLY ANY RESISTANCE.

The Turk put his prisoners to work the oars and set out for more plunder. His next considerable capture was that of a Spanish galleon carrying 500 soldiers, but the unfortunate people were so horribly seasick that they, too, put up no opposition to the Turk. In the course of a year or two Uruj was at the head of a squadron of eight ships, and naturally began to turn his thoughts to something better than the paying of tribute to the King of Tunis.

He, therefore, set out to assist the dethroned King of Bujeya to regain his country from the Spaniards, but thanks to a wound he himself received and to the arrival of the great Genoese Admiral, Andrea Doria, he failed, and his power was for the time broken.

Uruj had a worthy successor in his younger brother, whose name is variously rendered Chiaraddin, Kheyred-din or Hairreddin. By a series of cunning diplomatic moves of which this peroid is so full, Chiaraddin obtained much assistance from the Sultan, and gradually regained all that had been lost in the battle where his brother lost his life. Having established himself ashore he equipped a fleet of 18 galleons, and with these he scoured the Mediterranean every year from May to August in search of Christian booty, and so greatly did he increase his power that in a few years he laid successful siege to the Spanish port of Algiers, which fell after a continuous day-and-night bombardment of a fortnight. A couple of weeks after the place had fallen nine transports full of re-enforcements arrived, and after the Turks had watched them for some time sailing up and down outside trying to locate the now unrecognizable fortress, they pounced out and took the whole flotilla, with

NEARLY 3,000 PRISONERS.

Concurrently with these successes in the west the Turkish fleet at home had been busying itself. Lepanto was taken from Venice, Egypt was conquered, and, last rock of all in the Christian rule of the Mediterranean, the Island of Rhodes, garrisoned by the Knights of St. John, was taken in 1522 after a long siege, in which were engaged 400 ships and over 100,000 soldiers.

Chiaraddin was then recalled by the Sultan to undertake the reconstruction of the Turkish fleet. In 1538 a great fight was fought off Preveza between him and Andrea Doria, but nothing decisive occured, the Genoese sailing away and leaving the Turks in command of the waters. The great Admiral died in 1546, when he was about 90 years of age, after adding greatly to his reputation by daring and successful exploits in France.

The year 1571 was a vital one in the history of Turkish sea-power. It began with a great Turkish success—the taking of Cyprus; it ended with Lepanto and the practical annihilation of the Moslem fleet. Before its capture Cyprus was a Venetian possession, and when the attack was begun Pope Plus V. set out to organize a Christian league against the Turks. On previous occasions the Christian powers had been sorely hampered by divided command, but on this occasion, however, the Pope succeeded in placing in chief command of the Papal, Spanish and Venetian forces, Don John of Austria, who though only 25 years of age, already had earned a great reputation for leadership. On Sept. 16, 1571,

THE GREAT FLEET

weighed anchor from Messina—a force of 243 ships of various classes, carrying nearly 41,000 fighting men and 43,000 rowers, and armed with 1,815 cannon. The Turkish fleet consisted of 274 ships, but 66 of these were piratical craft constructed for the undoing of merchantmen, and not to stand up against legitimate fighting ships.

The opposing flagships set at each other—the Reale of Don John and the Fanal of Ali Pasha. Each was boarded, each drove the boarders back, and the fight waxed fairly even until Ali's ship was rammed by a third vessel with such force that the crew were all thrown off their feet. In the confusion Don John found no difficulty in subduing the Turkish flagship; Ali was killed, and when the Turks saw the Christian flag flying at the Fanal's masthead they began to lose heart. Everywhere they gave way, everywhere the Christians relentlessly pursued and killed.

Lepanto was the death-knell of Turkish sea-power. In one form or another—principally in the shape of pirate colonies on the North African coast—it survived until the beginning of the last century, when European powers—ourselves included—were willing to pay tribute to secure immunity for their merchant shipping. Curiously enough, it was the United States that finally cleared out the nest.—London Express.

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CAMERA WONDERS.

Used As an Aid in Uncovering Evidences of Crime.

It is a well-known fact that the photographic plate is much more sensitive to certain distinctions in color than the human eye, says the Scientific American. This remarkable property has found extended and important use in the tracking of criminals. Professor R. A. Reiss has published an account of a large number of examples of most striking character, a brief review of which appears in a recent number of Die Umschau, and is cited below:

"A handkerchief which has been washed with soap is to be examined as to any possible traces of blood. The linen appears uniformly white without any stains. A chemical examination in such a case would be quite unavailing, as there is no information at all as to where the stains may be located. A photographic copy of the handkerchief taken through a dark blue light filter shows distinct stains, which are then cut out from the linen and separately tested by a special method which establishes their true character.

"In another case a search through the living apartment of a person suspected of forging 100 franc notes, disclosed the presence of a number of lithographic stones, the surface of which had been fresh-cover. All efforts, aided by the context, to recall the character of the picture, proved fruitless, and the only resource left open was to endeavor to reconstruct by photographic means the vanished picture from any impression which it might have left upon the tissue paper cover. This task was accomplished with complete success by photographing through a blue filter and reinforcing the contrasts by the successive perforations of positive and negative copies. This resort was rendered possible through the fact that the grease of the printers' ink had been partially absorbed by the tissue paper, and had, by oxidation, imparted to the same a slight yellow coloration quite invisible to the eye. The engraving was later ly scraped and polished. The ordinary methods for bringing out old drawings upon lithographic stones yielded an entirely negative result. It was only by photographing the slab after special chemical treatment, that the pattern of the bank notes was disclosed. Among these was one which had been engraved no less than twenty years previously.

"At one of the public libraries it was discovered that a copper engraving had been abstracted. The thief had, however, omitted to remove the protecting tissue paper discovered in the thief's possession.

"The examination of a drowned woman by photography disclosed distinct evidence of strangulation marks which were absolutely invisible to the naked eye. On the basis of this evidence it was subsequently established that the drowned person had been thrown into the water after a previous struggle.

"Among other instances of the use of photography to detect crime or unravel mysteries may be briefly mentioned the discovery of the traces from pencil characters upon paper over which actual writing paper had lain during the act of writing; the detection of postmarks upon postage stamps chemically treated to renovate them; the development into visible form of previously invisible ink impressions; the detection of fraudulent tampering with sealed mail matter; the regeneration of the text of charred documents, etc."

KITCHEN.

If new tinware is rubbed all over with fresh lard, then thoroughly heated before use it never will rust. If the bottom of new tinware is rubbed over with lard before setting on fire the black can be rubbed off with paper.

The importance of clean dish cloths, now that diseases are known to be caused by germs, cannot be too strongly impressed upon the minds of all housekeepers. If it is black and sour throw it into the fire. Keep your dish cloth clean.

Before you commence to prepare your meal spread a paper at one end of your kitchen table, let all scraps and parings go on it. Take this paper up and burn in furnace and you have no scattered refuse to clean up. Also have newspaper spread when sweeping rooms to put all dust in. Spread paper over cold air register of hot air furnace when sweeping to keep dust from drawing down.

China Cement.—Make a paste by stirring powdered lime into the white of an egg. Let it harden well, and neither hot nor cold water will affect it.

To clean sink drains use one pound copperas, one gallon boiling water. Do not use lye for that purpose, as it has a tendency to form soft soap when sink drain is greasy. Copperas is poison, so if kept on hand it should be labeled.

When boiling cabbage, kraut, turnips or other loud smelling substances, put a lump of charcoal or red pepper pod in the kettle to neutralize the odor therefrom.

Turn your colander over eggs or hominy or anything that spatters while cooking. They will not steam and will brown nicely and not fly out and burn you. You can raise handle a little to turn.

If you would retain the wholesome acidity of the cranberry, thicken with cornstarch and sugar. When the latter is used alone the pleasant, agreeable flavor is lost in a heavy, unpalatable sweet.

To cook steak or chop quickly, press down with weight, set over a cover smaller than frying pan.

RELIEVED HIM.

"I say, old man, I need $50 badly and haven't the least idea where I can get it."

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MAKING ROADS.

Work First and Talk Afterward—Make a Drag and Use It.

First.—Go to work yourself — talk afterward. Get a log eight feet long and eight inches thick, split it in half, back it together by diagonal stakes thirty inches apart, with the split sides facing the front. Fasten a chain to each end of the front log, hook a team to the middle of the chain, get the drag out on the country road after a rain and start in to haul the drag over the road at an angle of forty-five degrees, moving the dirt from the side gutters to the centre of the road.

If you do this work yourself you will learn more about how to make country earth roads better in two hours than anybody could tell you in print in fourteen weeks.

The second thing is: Study the needs of the little stretch of road upon which you actually do your work. Make that stretch of road a model of a good roadway in every particular. See to it that every individual who drives over your road becomes a talking advertisement for highway improvement. If you must blast out rock to afford good drainage for the side gutters along your road why blast them out. Don't wait to talk about it.

Earth and water spell mud, and a muddy road is not a good road, and you cannot get rid of water until the water has the right slope of a drainage channel to carry it off.

Third.—If you will let no obstacle discourage you and if you will keep sublimely on, plugging ahead as the old tortoise did in its race with the hare, which slept by the wayside thinking because of its fleetness it could overcome the slow going tortoise; if you make the improvement of country earth roads a study of pleasure and a sort of philanthropic religion, your achievements for highway betterment will be swift and sure throughout whichever country district you may work.

Source of Life's Problem.

The Paris Cosmos proudly announces that the French scientist Becquerel has refuted "for all time" the theory advanced by Sir William Thompson that life may have reached this globe from meteoric sources in the form of microscopic germs. This, says Becquerel, is impossible. Interplanetary space is rich in the ultra violet rays, and the ultra violet rays are fatal to germ life; therefore the germs would have perished on their journey long before they could reach the earth. For purposes of experiment Besquerel selected the most hardy bacteria known to science. He sealed them in vacuum tubes and exposed them to the ultra violet rays for six hours. None of them survived, and Becquerel argues that the destructive action of the rays must be assumed to be universal. Even if Sir William Thompson's theory had continued to hold the field it would do nothing to solve the problem of the source of life, for if life was brought to the earth by meteors we have still to discover how it came to be on the meteors.

White Bread Fattening.

White bread is fattening because we rarely digest it completely. Starchy foods are quite unaffected by the gastric juices which digest the meats. Their digestive ferments are obtained chiefly from the saliva in the mouth, which therefore should be thoroughly mixed with each mouthful before swallowing. But white bread is so soft and lacking in substance that we unconsciously swallow it long before it has had a fair chance to become sufficiently fermented with the digestive saliva. The result is delayed digestion (if digestion takes place at all) and at the best the starch is very apt to be converted into disfiguring unwanted and unhealthful fat.—London Mail.

Served Them Right.

A certain congregation was building a new church, and the ladies of the Sunday school gave an oyster supper to assist in raising funds for the decorations of their room. The supper was well attended—too well, in fact, for the oysters gave out and those who arrived late had to content themselves with broth and crackers.

"Serves them right for coming late," argued one of the committee, "for the oysters couldn't have run out if everybody had come before they were all gone. So there!"

Sponge Growth.

Fragments of sponge transported to another locality heal in about three months, when they again begin to grow. Irregular bits soon become spherical and rapidly increase in size, adding twenty-five times their own value in the course of four or five years. The growth is, of course, slow—especially during the first year—mainly because of the necessity for healing the wound caused by the tearing off of the fragment from the main body for transplanting.

Agreed.

"It's too bad," she sighed, "that life can't always be a honeymoon."

"I agree with you," he replied. "When we were having our honeymoon you were not at all careless about your hair or your general appearance, and I don't recall a single occasion on which you endeavored to convince me that you had married into a lower sphere."

No Difference.

"My darling, I must confess I have deceived you. I am not rich; I am poor. Will it make any difference to you?"

"Not the slightest, Fred."

"I'm thankful for that. You are sure it will make no difference to you?"

"Not a bit. I can marry Mr. Richley."

A Delightful Reason.

Boatman—Peter an' me'll not be able to take ye out fishin' to-night, ma'am, but Peter's nephew will be athter takin' ye av ye like.

Lady—Well, I hope Peter's nephew is cleaner than Peter is.

Boatman—He is, ma'am; he's younger.

ARE NOT TO BE ENVIED.

Inferiority of Japanese Women Taught From Time Immemorial.

Travelers have noticed how difficult it is to gain entrance into a Japanese family. The female members are merely introduced to the guest and there the acquaintance ends. For this reason the Japanese woman has always remained a fascinating mystery. She may have ideas and tastes, but they are not to be shared with the world at large. The astute head of the family sees to this; he knows perfectly well that if the truth concerning the organization of his household were to be known, he would be considered a very inferior being, and his national vanity would suffer in consequence.

To begin with the inferiority of woman has been taught by philosophers and moralists from time immemorial.

"A woman should regard her husband as her lord, and serve him with all the reverence and all the adoration of which she is capable." So said Kaibara, the great teacher of the 17th century. He said a great deal more in this same strain, threatening women with celestial vengeance should they dare to disobey their lords and masters, or have any thoughts other than how they could best serve and please them. According to this great philosopher women should practice what he terms "a triple obedience"; to her husband and his parents, first of all; a young girl should be completely subservient to her father, and a widow subservient to her son.

This inferiority of woman is founded on the principle of her moral, psychological and even physiological inferiority. "The five greatest maladies of the feminine mind," says Kaibara, "are indocility, ill-humor, love of gossip, jealousy and stupidity. Without a doubt seven or eight women out of every ten are afflicted with all these maladies hence their inferiority as regards men." Confucianism makes of woman an eternal child, an incurable invalid. Buddhism treats her more severely still; not content with denying her reason, it holds her to be diabolical, more wicked even than weak.

Prince's Badge.

The popular tradition associated with the well-known ostrich-feather badge and motto of the Prince of Wales is that they were won at Crecy by the Black Prince from King John of Bohemia. This is, however, tradition only, and is not supported by any contemporary comment or confirmation. The truth is that the origin of the device is unknown. The crest of the King of Bohemia was not an ostrich plume, but the wing of an eagle. Moreover, on the Black Prince's tomb in Canterbury Cathedral the ostrich feathers are employed, by his own direction, as a badge of peace, and it seems scarcely likely that he would have so particularized a device won in battle. Ostrich feathers were popular as badges in those days. The Black Prince sometimes wore three and sometimes one, and so did other princes. In its present form the badge of the Prince of Wales does not occur earlier than the monument of Prince Arthur in Worcester Cathedral, in the reign of Henry VII. On the Canterbury monument to the Black Prince the feathers are not grouped as a plume.

An End to Extravagance.

The mother of a certain pretty seventeen-year-old girl was having a talk with Edith's father the other day about Edith's coming out party. The father, be it explained, has recently made his fortune, and he is sometimes loath to part with any of it.

"One thing is certain," the mother declared emphatically, "I will not allow Edith to come out until she can do it well. She must have the best debut or none."

The father nodded.

"That's all right," he admitted. "She can have this one, but I want you both to understand it's the first, last and only debut I'll ever buy her."

Brides Who Perch In Trees.

Among the Lolos of western China it is customary for the bride on the wedding morning to perch herself on the highest branch of a large tree while the elder female members of her family cluster on the lower limbs armed with sticks. When all are duly stationed the bridegroom clambers up the tree, assailed on all sides by blows, pushes and pinches from the dowagers, and it is not until he has broken through their fence and captured the bride that he is allowed to carry her off.

An Emperor's Rebuke.

A diplomat in this country recalls a rebuke he heard the aged emperor of Austria administer to a snobbish noble who had lamented the scarcity in Vienna of personages exalted enough in rank to be cultivated as his acquaintances.

"Were I like you, sir," replied the emperor, "in such anxious search for blood equals, I would find companions only among the dead Hapsburgs."

Ordeal of Fire.

Throughout the dark ages of Europe an accused person had to carry a piece of redhot iron some distance in his hand or to walk nine feet barefooted over plowshares at white heat. The hand or foot was bound up and inspected three days afterward. If the defendant had escaped unhurt he was pronounced innocent; if otherwise, guilty.

Sneezing.

Aristotle maintained that to sneeze at any time between midnight and noon was bad, from noon to midnight good, while at high noon it was propitious. Xenophon records that in the retreat of the ten thousand Greeks it was regarded as highly propitious for a general to sneeze while giving counsel to the troops.

Horses In War.

In one of his campaigns Napoleon saved only 1,600 of the 121,121 horses with which he started.

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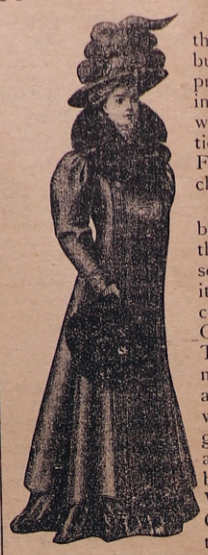

It seems hard to understand why there is not more discrimination used in buying Furs, for all the difference in price between good ones and those of inferior quality,—a class of goods in which there is so much room for deception. Almost every family now wear Furs, so much a necessity in this cold climate of ours.

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JAS. BOLDRICK.

MEANING OF THE CROSS

This cross (in red) has been adopted in Canada and all over America as the emblem under which the Crusade against Consumption is carried on.

Every reader knows of the ravages of this disease; how, too often, the bread-winner of the family falls a victim, or the young man or young woman, with a promise of a happy and useful life, is stricken down.

This modern Crusade, like the one of old, is a winning fight. The death rate from Consumption in this province shows a decrease of over 25% in the past few years.

Nearly 6000 of these poor sufferers have been cared for in our Consumptive Homes in Muskoka and near Weston. To-day we have 300 patients under treatment—patients who, if they had the money, could not through fear of contagion gain admittance into other hospitals.

In the Muskoka Free Hospital alone we are now caring for 156 patients. 128 of these cannot pay a single cent for the cost of their maintenance, 15 pay 70c. per day, 1 pays 57c. per day, 12 pay 50c. or less per day.

Our Trustees, having faith in the generous-hearted people of Canada, have continued to carry on this work during the past year.

Money to pay doctors, food, nursing and caring of these sick ones, is urgently needed. Will your readers help and have the joy of sharing in a work that has the promise of the Master's reward?

W. J. GAGE
Chairman Executive Committee, National Sanitarium Association.

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Resolutions For Xmas Shoppers

Buy While The Buying's Good—Shop Early This Season

"Resolved, that we will do what we can to lessen the inhuman and unnecessary eleventh hour rush of the Christmas shopping season by buying our presents early."

This little resolution should be unanimously adopted by the heads of every household in this village and vicinity. The Christmas spirit is one of good cheer to everybody, and buyers should begin to display it as early as possible before the holiday. The 25th is only a little more than two weeks away, and this leaves but fourteen days in which shopping can be done. For the careful selection of gifts and their purchase from the cheapest available sources, this is none too long.

The store-keepers don't wait until the last moment before preparing their stocks. They are all on hand now, and the buyer who purchases early gets the pick of the goods. The cultivation of the habit of putting off till next week, results in disappointment for the buyer, and overworked salespeople in the store, whose Christmas is spoiled before it arrives.

In the past, one of the most regrettable anomalies about Christmas has been the inhumanity of the eleventh hour rush, which has nothing of the universal good-will which is preached from every pulpit at Christmas.

Make out your list of goods early and proceed systematically to buy them in comfort to those who have to serve you.

Buy when the buying's good—shop early.

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The Toronto Globe (Daily)	4.50
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The undersigned offers for sale Lot 2, Con. 11, Rawdon, 200 acres. On the farm is a frame house 18x24, with kitchen 16x20, and cistern under the house. Barn 30x50 and shed 20x50; good drive house. Within 30 rods of cheese factory, and 1 mile to school house. Plenty of water.

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PERSONALS.

Miss Della Caldwell spent Tuesday in Peterboro.

Miss M. Hossie left on Monday morning for her home in Perth.

Mrs. E. H. Anderson, of Cannifton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. McCann.

Miss M. E. Currie and Revs. L. S. Wight and J. D. P. Knox are attending the district E. L. convention in Campbellford today.

Miss Delia Bull left on Monday for Lindsay, en route to Lemberg, Sask. She will also spend a few days in Toronto and Winnipeg.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the officers of the Canadian order of Chosen Friends for the kind and prompt manner in which they have settled the death claim of my husband, the late Frank Hubel, for $500, of which I am in receipt from F. T. Ward, Recorder of Stirling Council No. 194. Wishing the Order all success possible,

HATTIE HUBEL.

Belleville, Nov. 11th, 1911.

To whom it may concern:

We, Cora May Faulkner, and Blake Faulkner, of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, husband and wife, do hereby of our own free will and accord, state and certify that we do not, nor does either of us know, nor did we ever know anything disparaging or detrimental to the character or principles of Mrs. John Fair, of Harold, and say that the statements made by me, Cora May Faulkner in a letter to Mr. James Moffat dated the 9th day of October, 1911, reflecting on her character and principles were written in haste and without due consideration, and were unwarranted, and I regret exceedingly ever having made such statements, and now unreservedly withdraw the same and humbly apologize for having made the same, and undertake not to repeat them.

This apology is written in the hope of peace and that Mrs. John Fair will be reinstated in the good opinion of any one who may have been influenced otherwise by said letter, and to repair any damages done her thereby.

Witness { Howard Martin
Cora May Faulkner { Blake Faulkner.

A rather unique wedding took place here on Saturday last. The bride, a daughter of Walter Lazier, was only fourteen years old, and had been attending school in Bancroft until a short time ago. No wonder a race of degenerates is growing up.—Bancroft Times.

Procrastination

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—

GOING WEST.		GOING EAST.	
Mail & Ex.	6.03 a. m.	Passenger.	10.27 a. m
Passenger.	6.45 p. m.	Mail & Ex.	3.41 p. m

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY DEC. 7, 1911

LOCAL MATTERS.

The county Council is in session at Belleville.

Important business to be transacted in Stirling Lodge No. 239, I.O.O.F. on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th. All members requested to attend.

Remember the Box Social at Allan's School, Mt. Pleasant, Nov. 15th. A splendid program is being prepared, one feature of which is a scene showing results of "Women's Rights."

We are pleased to hear from several of our correspondents, and hope to hear from them more regularly in the future. We would like to get a good correspondent at Wellman's Corners.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. M. S. of the Methodist church will be held on Tuesday afternoon next, Dec. 12th, at 3 p.m. in the Sunday School room. Visitors always welcome.

The Women's Institute of Wellman's Corners intend holding a Box Social on Friday evening, December 8, in the Orange Hall. Ladies to bring a box. Admission for gentlemen 25c. Children free. Anyone buying a box will have their 25c. returned. Doors open at 7, p.m.

Mr. J. G. Foster, formerly of Moira, who is now in the real estate business at Denholm, Sask., in a letter just received, says that there are thousands of acres of grain in the stook. Some are threshing it out of the snow. The yield was exceptionally good where the grain was not frozen or hailed out.

At the nominations for the Provincial Legislature on Monday, all three members for Hastings County were elected by acclamation, namely: North Hastings, J. R. Cooke; East Hastings, Alex. Grant; West Hastings, J. W. Johnson. Messrs. Cooke and Grant are new members. Mr. Johnson represented West Hastings in the last Legislature.

A Tea Meeting in connection with St. Andrew's Church, West Huntingdon, will be held on Monday evening next, Dec. 11th. Tea served from 6 to 8 o'clock. The committee have secured the services of Miss Jessie Tuitte, of Belleville, elocutionist and soloist, recently returned from study in Europe. There will be also addresses delivered by several ministers. Tickets 40c. single; 75c. double

The Stirling Methodist Sunday School will hold their annual entertainment on Monday evening, Dec. 25. Miss Amy L. Doty of London, Directress of Sunday School entertainments, will have complete charge of the programme. Miss Doty will be in attendance at the Sunday School session next Sabbath morning. All members of the School desiring to take part in this entertainment should be present.

A marriage in which the many friends of the contracting parties will be deeply interested was solemnized at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, when Mr. Fred Arthur Cook, fourth son of Mr. Thomas Cook, and Miss Emma McMaster, daughter of the late Mr. David McMaster, all of Rawdon, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. J. D. P. Knox cousin of the groom performed the ceremony. The young couple left on the afternoon train for Belleville.

The Firemen's concert held in the Opera House last evening was a decided success. Mr. Howard of Toronto, who was the prineipal star of the program was well received. The other numbers, especially the solos by Mr. Holgate of Belleville, and Miss May Williams, and the instrumental music by Misses Marjorie Meiklejohn and Madeline Boulton, were much appreciated. The entire proceeds are not definitely known, as the money for many of the tickets sold in the vicinity has not been collected, but the approximate estimate is $110.

At a meeting held in the Stirling House on Friday evening, Nov. 24th, for the purpose of re-organizing the Hockey Club, the following officers were elected, and it was unanimously decided to enter a team in the Trent Valley League.

Hon. Pres.—W. R. Mather.
Hon. Vice. Pres.—G. E. Kennedy.
Pres.—G. G. Thrasher.
Vice Pres.—Thos. Cooke.
Treas.—D. A. Bird.
Sec.—J. B. Hough.
Manager—W. J. Whitty.
Committee—W. J. Whitty, J. R. Walsh, G. V. Whitty, G. G. Thrasher, E. L. Anderson.

Bars Closed on Christmas Day

The new Provincial law, requiring hotels throughout Ontario to be closed to the public on Christmas, goes into effect for the first time this year, and as Christmas Day falls on a Monday, the bars will be closed from 7 o'clock the preceding Saturday to Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock.

The same dry spell will be carried out on New Year's Day, when the municipal elections are held. In past years, the law has allowed the bars being opened on Christmas Day, but called for a holiday on New Year's.

Polluted Rural Wells

At the Women's Institute Convention in Toronto, Dr. W. T. McConnell, of Queen's University, divulged some startling facts as to the character of the water supply in the rural communities of Eastern Ontario, in the course of a lecture on "Water Supply." Out of 1,000 samples of well water which he examined, two thirds were polluted; that is to say, the doctor added, they showed the presence of bacterial organisms from the intestinal canals of man and beast. In one village, the doctor said, he found only three wells that gave pure water. In other words, over eighty per cent. of the wells in that village are polluted.

"It is time that Ontario is waking up to these conditions," said the doctor. "It is a fact, to-day, that there is more typhoid fever in the rural communities than in the cities, and four-fifths of the typhoid is traceable to water."

A "Promoter" With a Record

A Mr. H. M. Graham was recently promoting an electric railway from Port Hope to Orillia, but he had a sudden stop put to his operations.

The Peterboro Review says: Sir Wm. McKenzie and Sir Donald Mann could not have rushed staking operations more speedily than did enterprizing Mr. Graham. The gang staked at the rate of three miles per day, from the other side of Lindsay to Omemee, and then through to Best's Station. And wherever there was a farm house, or a barn or a nice orchard, the right-of-way was invariably headed straight for it. Then, if the farmer paid Mr. Graham $50 or $100, the right of way would be moved, so that it would not mean the eventual destruction of the valuable buildings or possessions of Mr. farmer. Many farmers paid over their little sums to avoid having the electric railway run over their prize hen coops, and through their choice orchards, and Mr. Graham then would go aside and indulge in a little chuckle of delight.

Graham has a bad record. During the past summer he was operating about St. Catherines. In that town he borrowed money from the unwary until he was finally apprehended, pulled up on a short turn, as it were, but through his subtle ways escaped justice, being given his liberty on suspended sentence.

A few years ago he was convicted of a heinous crime, for which he was sentenced to Kingston Penitentiary for two years.

For his last exploits, a despatch from Lindsay dated Dec. 1st, says: Henry Malcolm Graham, the promoter of a fake electric trolley line from Port Hope to Orillia, who secured the earnings of several young men under his employ, and who married a young lady here, was to day sentenced to three years in Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate Jackson.

A most successful meeting of St. Mark's Guild was held at Mrs. Wm. Webb's, 12th line, Rawdon, on Nov. 30th. There were 15 members and 1 visitor present—all busy at various occupations, such as knitting, making aprons, clothes-pin bags, spool racks, paper racks, etc., getting ready for the big sale of work to be held at Belleview Hall on the evening of Dec. 6th. The next regular meeting will be held at Mr. John Eastwood's, 12th line, Rawdon, on Dec. 14th.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1912 Almanac

Before the great drought of 1901, the HICKS ALMANAC gave timely warning. For over TWO years prior to 1911, the HICKS ALMANAC again sounded a warning of DROUGHT DANGER. And so for FORTY YEARS this same friend of all the people has steadfastly refused the offers of speculators, and continued to warn the public of the coming dangers of STORM AND WEATHER. As they should have done, the people have stood nobly by Professor Hicks, their faithful public servant, who has grown old in their service. Send only ONE DOLLAR to WORD AND WORKS PUBLISHING COMPANY, 3401 Franklin Avenue, St Louis, Missouri, and get his Magazine and Almanac both for one year. The Almanac alone, a fine book of 150 pages, is ONLY 35c. by mail. Let everybody respond and receive the warnings of our NATIONAL SEER for the coming year.

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Married

MCMULLEN—DANFORD—At the bride's home, on Wednesday evening, December 6th, by the Rev. B. F. Byers, M. A., Elizabeth May Danford to George Francis McMullen, both of Sidney Township.

A. O. U. W.

A full attendance of the members of Stirling Lodge 314 A.O.U.W. is requested at the regular meeting, Dec. 12th. Nomination and election.

J. M. CLARKE, M. W.
J. D. BISSONNETTE, Recorder.

Elm Wanted

Good, sound, straight, Swamp Elm, cut 10 and 15 ft. long, wanted at Morgan's Mill, Spring Brook.

JOHN MORGAN.

For Sale

I have ten acres of standing timber which I offer for sale in lots to suit purchasers.

13-3w W. S. DRACUP, Wellman's Corners.

Strayed

On or about the 21st of November, a Brood Sow, Berkshire, coming two years old. Any person giving information leading to her recovery will be suitably rewarded.

13-2w ROBERT ARMSTRONG, Glen Ross.

Strayed

From Big Island, some time in November, a roan colored heifer, coming two years old. A notch cut of right ear. Any person giving information leading to its recovery will be suitably rewarded.

CHARLES BAILEY,
13-3w Glen Ross.

Plum Grove Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of the Plum Grove Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th, at 1 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers for the ensuing year, and any other business in connection with the company.

FRED FANNING, President.

HAROLD CHEESE CO.

The annual meeting of the Harold Cheese Company will be held in the factory on Monday, Dec. 18th, at one o'clock, for election of officers, letting milk routes, and any other business in connection with the Company.

JOHN TANNER, President.

Farm For Sale in P. E. County

At Cherry Valley, 7 miles south of Picton, an excellent farm of 130 acres is offered for quick sale. One hundred and twenty-two acres cultivated, balance light bush; soil clay loam except 30 acres of black muck; land in high state of cultivation; all well fenced and fairly well drained: 12 acres in alfalfa; 2 never failing wells at buildings and good spring at rear. Orchard of 150 aged trees, 220 trees 14 years out, 25 pear trees. Large brick and frame house, heated by furnace, modern conveniences. Barn 76 x 45 with two drives, root cellar 1800 capacity, all cement floors, accommodation for 30 head of cattle, 3 box stalls, 4 calf stalls, water in stables. New ideal feed silo 35x14 with roof, also large drive house, hennery, ice house, 2 hog pens, milk shed and horse barn 28 x 40.

This property has cost over $11,000. For quick sale owner will accept $8,500. Apply

13 4w CARMAN METCALFE, Cherry Valley.

Central Cheese Company

The annual meeting of Central Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at one p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, election of officers, and the transaction of any other necessary business that may come before the meeting.

GEO. A. JOHNSON, Pres.

Shamrock Cheese Company

The annual meeting of Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Monday, Dec. 11th, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers for the ensuing year, and any other business in connection with the Company.

J. W. SAGER, Pres.

Evergreen Cheese Co.

The annual meeting of Evergreen Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Tuesday, Dec. 12th, at one o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of paying dividends, election of officers, letting milk routes, drawing cheese, and any other business in connection with the factory.

R. LANIGAN, Pres.

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A Guide to Christmas Shopping

There are only Fourteen more business days until Christmas. Think of it! Only fourteen more days for everyone to buy presents. Our stock is large and well assorted. We feel sure that we shall be well able to supply your needs. Come in and see our goods.

GLOVES make excellent Christmas gifts. We have them to suit all purses.

Ladies' Kid Gloves, all sizes, both Dent's and Perrin's makes, at.....$1.00 to $1.75 per pr.

Ladies' best quality Dog-skin Gloves, tan color, at our special price of.....$1.00 per pair

Men's Mocha Gloves, all sizes, prices.....$1.00 to $1.75 per pair

Men's Dog-skin Gloves, lined and unlined, at.....$1.00 to $1.50 per pair

See our special line of Men's best quality Mocha Gloves, Sable lined all through, at.....$2.00 and $2.25 per pr.

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Here is your chance to buy a Christmas present for some one at a greatly reduced price. Think of it—half price! Ten dollar Coats for $5.00, and $18.00 Coats for $9.00, etc. There are only 25 Coats. Do not fail to come early and make sure of procuring one of these bargains.

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McNAMARAS PLEAD GUILTY

Sensational Ending to Case That Has Aroused World's Interest.

A despatch from Los Angeles, Cal., says: James B. McNamara pleaded guilty on Friday afternoon in connection with the death of Chas. J. Haggerty, a victim of the Los Angeles Times explosion and fire. His brother, John J. McNamara, jointly indicted with him, pleaded guilty to dynamiting the Llewellyn Iron Works.

James B. McNamara probably will get life imprisonment. John J. McNamara, it was rumored, will get fourteen years. Each pleaded guilty on the charge of which he was extradited from Indianapolis.

Within fifteen minutes after the court opened on Friday afternoon one of the greatest criminal trials of modern times had ended so abruptly that many officials supposedly in the heart of the matter did not know it was going to happen. The prisoners were taken back to jail, Judge Walter Bordwell retired to his chambers, and opposing counsel went to their rooms.

"The McNamaras have pleaded guilty because they are guilty," was District Attorney John D. Frederick's crisp comment.

"If I had seen any way out of it we would not have done it," said Attorney Clarence S. Darrow after court. "We have had it under consideration since a week ago Monday."

CHICAGO CATTLE SHOW.

Canadian College Teams Win Three Out of Five Trials.

A despatch from Chicago says: Canadian colleges won three out of five trials in the college team judging contest at the Live Stock Show Saturday night. In trial No. 1, "all classes of live stock," Macdonald College of Quebec won first honors, Manitoba College took second place, and Missouri University won a close third. In swine-judging Manitoba College won first place, Montana Agricultural College took second, and Macdonald College of Quebec third. In sheep-judging Ontario, Macdonald and Manitoba Colleges took first, second and third respectively. Uncle Sam won first honors in horse and cattle judging, but the Canadian colleges won second and third place in both classes. This is the first year the Macdonald College team was entered.

WILL JOIN GRENFELL.

Wealthy American Girl to Become Nurse in Labrador.

A despatch from Boston, Mass., says: To give up a life of luxury and become a nurse in one of Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell's hospitals in Labrador is the plan of Miss Amelia Forbes, daughter of the late J. Malcolm Forbes, the well-known yachtsman and capitalist of Boston. At present Miss Forbes is training for her chosen profession in the Waltham Home for Nurses, and when she completes her course she is to start for the North and begin her duties among the Eskimos, Indians and fishermen. Miss Forbes first became interested in the work of the Labrador medical mission while attending a lecture by Dr. Grenfell, and she volunteered her services.

ONTARIO HOLDS PINE SUPPLY

Represented 65 Per Cent. of Canada's Total Lumber Cut.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Concerning Ontario's 1910 lumber cut, the Forestry Bulletin says that Ontario still produces a little over one-third of the quantity of the lumber cut annually in Canada, but its annual cut, while increasing, is increasing more slowly each year. In Ontario, during 1910, 1,642,191,000 feet of lumber were cut, being worth $30,011,000. The diversified forests of Ontario have enabled it to hold the supremacy up to the present. White pine of Ontario formed 85 per cent. of Canada's cut and nearly half of the hemlock cut came from this province. Ontario provided 90 per cent. of the red pine.

FOOLED WITH DYNAMITE.

Montreal Youth May Die as a Result.

A despatch from Montreal says: Harry Seigel, aged 11, whose home is at 150 Murray Street, found a stick of dynamite on Friday, and experimented with it, with probably fatal results. Taking it to a neighboring blacksmith shop, he placed it on a table and struck it with a hammer. He was taken to the hospital badly burned about the face and suffering from a severe abdominal wound.

TEACHER SENTENCED.

Miss Nora McCrea Convicted of Assault on Girl.

A despatch from Brockville says: Miss Nora McCrea, a young school teacher residing in Merrickville, was found guilty by Judge McDonald on Friday afternoon of assaulting nine-year-old Helen McCoubrie, a pupil at Soper's School, near Frankville, on October 19 and 23 last. A sentence of one week in jail was imposed. Four pupils swore to witnessing the chastisements, which were administered with a blackboard pointer, some of the blows falling on the child's head. Two physicians also testified to the injuries received by the McCoubrie child. She was laid up for several weeks.

BRITISH NAVAL LOAN.

Anglo-German Shipbuilding Rivalry May Lead to It.

A despatch from London, says: The probability of a big naval loan in the near future is revived by The Pall Mall Gazette, which anticipates that $150,000,000 and possibly more will be raised supplementary to the usual naval estimates. It is argued that in view of the campaign in Germany in favor of an increased navy for that country it is necessary for Great Britain to show that she is determined to preserve the "two-in-one" standard. The provision of adequate docks for the Dreadnought battleships also necessitates heavy expenditure.

CONCESSION TO HINDUS.

May be Permitted to Bring Families to Canada.

A despatch from Ottawa says: It is understood that, as a result of a conference between the Hindu delegation now in Ottawa and British Columbia members held in the office of Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of the Interior, on Wednesday morning, it is possible that an arrangement may be arrived at under which the Hindu people now in British Columbia will be allowed, under strict regulations, to bring their wives and families to Canada.

MURDER AT SYDNEY.

Negro Shot Down During Progress of Drunken Row.

A despatch from Sydney, N. S., says: The second murder within a week has occurred in the manufacturing district. During a drunken row among the colored residents of the coke ovens, on Wednesday, Geo. Halford, colored, was shot and killed by another colored man whose name is not known. The police have arrested five in connection with the affair.

FRENCH WARSHIPS COMING.

Squadron to Visit Three Canadian Ports Next Year.

A despatch from Montreal says: It is announced that a squadron of French warships will visit Canada next summer, and will spend eight days in Halifax, five days in Quebec, and eight days here.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, $3.50 to $3.55, sea board. Manitoba flour firm, as follows:—First patents, $5.50; second patents, $5; and strong bakers', $4.80, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.07½ Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, $1.04, and No. 3, $1.00 1-2, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, new, 68 to 69c, high freights.

Peas—Good milling peas, $1.12 to $1.15.

Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario 43 to 43 1-2c, and of No. 3 at 42c; on track, Toronto, 46c; No. 3 Western Canada oats, 44c, Bay ports.

Barley—No. 3 extra, 88c, outside; feed barley, 70 to 75c.

Corn—New corn, 69 1-2 to 70c, Bay ports.

Rye—Car lots in fair offer, with No. 2 quoted at 90c, outside.

Buckwheat—60 to 62c, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $23 to $23.50, in bags, Toronto freights. Shorts, $25.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Winter stock, $3 to $4 per barrel.

Beans—Small lots of hand-picked $2.25 to $2.30 per bush.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. Combs, $2.50 to $2.75.

Baled hay—No. 1 at $16 to $16.50 on track, and No. 2 at $14 to $14.50.

Baled straw—$7.50 to $8, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, in bags, quoted at $1.20 to $1.30, and out of store, $1.40 to $1.50.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry:—Chickens, 11 to 13c per lb.; fowl, 8 to 10c; ducks, 10 to 13c; geese, 11 to 12c, turkeys, 16 to 18c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE.

Butter—Dairy, choice, in wrappers, 25 to 27c; store lots, 22 to 23c; and inferior, tubs, 17 to 18c. Creamery quoted at 29 to 30c for rolls, and 27 to 28c for solids, per lb.

Eggs—Strictly new-laid quoted at 40c, and fresh at 27 to 28c per dozen, in case lots.

Cheese—Large, 15 1-2c, and twins at 15 3-4c per lb.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon, long clear, 12 to 12 1-2c per lb., in case lots. Pork, short cut, $22.50; do., mess, $19.50 to $20. Hams—Medium to light, 16 to 16 1-2c; heavy, 14 to 14 1-2c; rolls, 10 3-4 to 11c; breakfast bacon, 16 to 17c; backs, 19 to 20c.

Lard—Tierces, 11 3-4c; tubs, 12c; pails, 12 1-4c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 48 to 48 1-2c; do., No. 3, 47 to 47 1-2c; extra No. 1 feed, 46 to 46 1-2c; No. 2 local white, 47 1-2c; do., No. 3, 46 1-2c; do., No. 4, 45 1-2c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, strong bakers', $4.90; Winter patents, choice, $4.75 to $5; straight rollers, $4.25 to $4.40; do., in bags, $1.95 to $2.05. Rolled oats—Barrels, $5.25; bag, 90 lbs., $2.50. Millfeed—Bran, $23; shorts, $25; middlings, 27 to $28; mouillie, $27 to $34. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $14.50 to $15. Cheese—Finest western, 14 1-4 to 14 3-4c; do., easterns, 14 to 14 3-8c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 30 to 30 1-2c; seconds, 28 to 29c. Eggs—Fresh, 40 to 45c; selected, 28c; No. 1 stock, 24 1-2c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $1.15 to $1.20.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Dec. 5.—Wheat—December, $1.01; May, $1.05 1-2; July, $1.06 3-4; No. 1 hard, $1.02 3-4; No. 1 Northern, $1.02 to $1.02 1-4; to arrive, $1.01 1-2 to $1.02; No. 2 Northern, 99 1-2c to $1.00 1-4; to arrive, 99 1-2c to $1. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 58 to 60c. Oats—No. 2 white, 45 to 46c. Rye—86 1-2 to 87c. Bran—$22.50 to $23. Flour—First patents, $5 to $5.30; do., seconds, $4.60 to $4.90; first clears, $3.50 to $3.85; do., seconds, $2.40 to $2.80.

Buffalo, Dec. 5.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, car loads store, $1.09; Winter, No. 2 red, 99c; No. 3 red, 67c; No. 2 white, 99c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 69 1-2c; No. 4 yellow, 68c, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 51 1-2c; No. 3 white, 51 1-4c; No. 4 white, 50 1-4c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—Cattle—Butchers' cattle, choice, $5.75 to $6; do., medium, $4 to $5.25; do., common, $3.25 to $3.50; canners, $2.25 to $2.75; butchers' cattle, choice cows, $5 to $5.25; do., medium, $4.25 to $4.75; do., bulls, $3.50 to $4; milkers, choice, each, $75; do., common and medium, each, $50 to $60; Springers, $30 to $40. Sheep—Ewes, $3.75 to $4; bucks and culls, $3.25 to $3.50; lambs, $5.50 to $5.75. Hogs—F. o. b., $6 to $6.50. Calves—$3 to $10.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—Medium cattle were strong, all the way from $5 to $5.60. $6.10 was the highest figure recorded, but only a few picked steers fetched that sum. Good fat cows and bulls were a strong feature at $5 to $5.40, common and medium ranging down to $2.75. Canners were steady at $2 to $2.75. Milkers were still sarong at $50 to $90. Lambs were a shade firmer at $5 to $5.40, but sheep were dull and about 15c cheaper. Calves were easy at $3 to $9. The Hog Market was unchanged.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

CANADA.

The use of cigarettes in Canada continues to increase.

A new issue of silver dollars is about to be coined at the Ottawa mint.

Liquor has been banished from the Speaker's table by Dr. and Mrs. Sproule.

Martin Lohr, an old man, was burned to death in his house in Beverly township on Saturday.

The Duke of Connaught will receive an honorary LL.D. degree Queen's University in the spring.

Hamilton ratepayers will vote on by-laws aggregating $1,001,500, including $650,000 for water works.

The Pope has issued a notice that persons who summons Catholic clergy to court are liable to excommunication.

Dalhousie University, Halifax, has raised $75,000 of an addition of $350,000 wanted for the endowment fund.

Pauline Johnson, the Indian poetess, is in poor health at Vancouver, and Brantford friends have sent her a purse of $472.

Five men were buried in the fall of a shed on the wharf at Papineauville. Felix Lefebvre was killed and the others more or less injured.

Thomas Moore and three of his children were burned to death in their house on Lieutenant-Governor Patterson's ranch in British Columbia.

The Dominion Government has refused the request of the United States to interfere in the Provincial regulation of moving picture shows.

Chas. Dalton, millionaire fox ranch owner, of Prince Edward Island, has purchased from J. C. Calhoun, of Gaspe, Que., three black foxes, for $9,000.

Sir Edward Clouston is said to be about retiring from the general managership of the Bank of Montreal, and Mr. H. V. Meredith will succeed him if he does.

Parliament is asked to provide penalties for theft of logs floating in harbors or in Coastal waters, the law at present covering only thefts of logs in fresh waters.

Government assistance to the good roads movement is likely to take the form of encouragement to the provinces to construct new main or trunk high-ways or to improve those now existing. The cross roads would be left under municipal jurisdiction.

GREAT BRITAIN.

London suffragettes invaded the City Temple and prevented Mr. Asquith from speaking.

UNITED STATES.

"Little Harry" Marshall, of New York, committed suicide there because at nineteen he was no bigger than he was at twelve, and he feared to ask a girl he loved to marry him.

Ex-State Senator Lewis Emery, jr., of McKean County, Penn., in a public address at Bradford, offered to give 500 men each the free use of 10 acres of land if they would cultivate it and raise vegetables for their own use and for sale.

There were more violations of the Federal pure food and drug law in Illinois last year than in any other state in the union says a report made pubic by the secretary of agriculture. Twenty-eight Illinois manufacturers and dealers were found guilty.

GENERAL.

Nanking has fallen into the hands of the revolutionary army.

China has succeeded in obtaining a loan of thirty million dollars.

Persians marched in thousands to the United States Legation in Teheran, on Saturday, appealing for support against Russia.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Increase of $1,307,302 Over November Last Year.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Continued and rapid growth of business prosperity throughout the Dominion is reflected by the Customs revenue for the month just closed. Total customs receipts were $7,332,085, an increase of $1,307,302, or over twenty per cent. as compared with November of last year. For the eight months of the fiscal year the Customs revenue has been $56,336,708, an increase of $8,939,800 compared with the corresponding period of last year.

AMERICAN BILLS.

Government Will Impose Discount of One-half Per Cent.

A despatch from Ottawa says: In order to discourage the circulation of American National Bank bills and silver certificates in eastern Ontario, the Postoffice Department has issued an order to postmasters instructing them to charge a discount of one-half per cent. on all such money presented at their offices. The action is due to the refusal of the Bank of Montreal to accept large deposits of American bills from the department.

BOMBAY GREETS ROYALTY

The King and Queen are Wildly Cheered on way Through City.

A despatch from Bombay says: King-Emperor George and Queen-Empress Mary, as they are officially styled since their arrival in their great eastern empire, landed from the steamer Medina on Saturday at the quay at the Apollo Bunder at 4 o'clock. They were met by the Governor of Bombay and a large gathering of high officials belonging to the civil and military service, and at once proceeded to a huge amphitheatre which had been erected opposite the landing stage and which was filled to its utmost capacity with many thousands who had come to welcome their Majesties. The scene was a remarkably brilliant one. The handsome levee dress of the officials and the uniforms of the naval and military officers, together with the bright toilettes of the women, only served to emphasize the gorgeous hues of the ceremonial attire of the Indian chieftains. Behind these were massed an immense throng, composed of Hindus, Mohammedans, and Arabs, all attired in richly-colored festival costumes. Addresses of welcome were presented to the King-Emperor and Queen-Empress by the municipality and other bodies, to which his Majesty replied.

A Royal procession was subsequently formed. It was a mile in length and comprised representatives of all branches of the European and native arimes in India. It subsequently traversed all parts of the gaily decorated city. The native quarters presented a particularly quaint appearance, forests of masts along the streets bearing a multitude of native religious symbols representative of the various sects. Enormous crowds everywhere heartily acclaimed their Majesties, who returned to the Medina at 5.30 in the evening.

N. B. SECTION COMPLETED.

First Trop Over the New Transcontinental Railway.

A despatch from Moncton, N. B., says: The first through trip over the new transcontinental railway in New Brunswick from Edmunston to Moncton was completed on Wednesday afternoon, when three locomotives belonging to the contractors of the road passed through here to Amherst, N. S., for repairs. The transcontinental in this Province is now complete, save the building of stations and terminals.

LOCKOUT IN BERLIN.

Men Refuse to Abide by Agreement With Employers.

A despatch from Berlin, Germany, says: A lockout of 70,000 workers in the metal trades became effective on Thursday night, ensuing on their refusal to accept an agreement drawn up by a joint committee of employers and trades unionists. The lockout is the outcome of the failure to settle a strike started in October last by 4,000 metal workers.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT OTTAWA.

Two Little Boys Were Trampled by Horse's Hoofs.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Two little boys were sliding down a hilly street on Thursday afternoon when they slid under the feet of a horse, crossing the street. Neither the little ones nor the horse could be stopped. The result was William John Finn, aged 4, was practically trampled to death, and his brother, Albert Henry, aged 6, is not likely to recover.

FAKE PROMOTER PUNISHED.

Graham Sentenced to Three Years in Penitentiary.

A despatch from Lindsay says: Harry Malcolm Graham, the "promoter" of a fake electric trolley line from Port Hope to Orillia, who got sums from various farmers to supposedly change the survey, secured the earnings of several of the young men under his employ, and married a young lady here, was on Friday morning sentenced to Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate Jackson for a term of three years.

MANY NEW STATIONS.

Grand Trunk Pacific Called Upon to Build 150.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Owing to the large number of branch lines constructed by the Grand Trunk Pacific this year, the company has had to build no less than 150 new stations. Of these 98 have already been established, 27 are in course of construction, while the balance of the number contracted for will be finished in the spring.

BANK TELLER HELD UP.

Armed Robber Secures $1,000 at Point of Revolver.

A despatch from Vancouver says: At the command of a man armed with a revolver, Teller D. A. McThe Royal Bank of Canada, on Wednesday handed over $1,000 cash, and the robber made his escape. Only a clerk or two were in the bank when the stranger entered. "Give me a thousand," he laconically ordered, and the teller complied. The stranger, pushing the roll of bills into his pocket, hurried away. The man is described as a foreigner, 28 or 30 years of age. He wore no mask.

POSTAL RATES REDUCED.

United States and Great Britain Come to an Arrangement.

A despatch from London says: Postmaster-General Herbert L. Samuel announces that as a result of negotiations with the United States postal authorities the rates for parcels from the United Kingdom to the United States was reduced on Dec. 1 as follows: Up to three pounds, 30 cents; up to seven pounds, 54 cents; up to nine pounds, 78 cents; up to eleven pounds, $1.02. The existing rates are 36, 60, 84 cents and $1.08 respectively.

RABIES STILL PREVALENT.

Examinations by Health Officer Gave Positive Signs.

A despatch from Toronto says: Recent examinations have disclosed the prevalence of rabies in Toronto and throughout Ontario. Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, Chief Health Officer of the province, stated on Wednesday that a dog which had bitten a woman in Rosedale, and had been destroyed, had been examined, positive signs of rabies being found. Another dog's head sent to the laboratory by Mr. A. W. Reilly, V.S., Grand Valley, had given a positive analysis.

FEAR SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC.

Held Entire Province of Quebec is Threatened.

A despatch from Montreal says: "The entire Province of Quebec, and, as a consequence, the city of Montreal, is threatened with an epidemic of smallpox this winter," declared Dr. Pelletier, Provincial Medical Health Officer, on Wednesday morning. "This condition of affairs has resulted from the sheer neglect of the necessary precautions in a great many municipalities. Not a day goes by without cases being reported."

STATISTICS OF POSTOFFICE

A Surplus of $1,192,730 Shown in the Annual Report.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The annual report of the Postoffice Department shows that the net revenue totalled $9,146,952, and the expenditure $7,954,222. During the year there was an increase of 437 in the number of post offices, of 284 in postal note offices, and 189 in money order offices.

The increase in the number of letters is estimated at 52,357,000, or 10 per cent. The revenue increased by $1,188,404, and the expenditure by $738,885. Postage stamps issued totalled 648,764,669, as against 584,264,774 while the value increased from $9,942,435 to $11,011,042. At the end of the fiscal year 13,324 offices were in operation.

In the postoffice savings banks the aggregate balance to the credit of depositors at the end of the year was $43,330,599 or a decrease of $255,778. The accounts numbered 147,478, decrease of 1,415.

SCENE IN BRITISH HOUSE

The Uninists, Lead by Mr. Bonar Law Retire in a Body.

A despatch from London, says: There was a remarkable scene in the House of Commons on Thursday night when the Government applied the guillotine to 470 amendments in the report stage of the insurance bill. Mr. Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition, heatedly accused the Ministers of acting in obedience to the Redmondites in thus flouting Parliament in order to clear the road for home rule for Ireland. Mr. Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as hotly replied that the Government was only following the example set by Unionist Government.

The excitement was intense, and the members faced amenedment, when, on the Speaker putting the first amendment, the entire Opposition rose and made a dramatic exit from the House, pursued by derisive Ministerial cheering. Then in a dreary monotone the Speaker began formally putting the amendments, and when he became fatigued the Deputy Speaker relieved him. The entire 470 amendments were adopted, and in only a single case was the division challenged by the Laborites. This concluded part one of the bill.

QUICK RELIEF FROM THAT PERSISTENT, HACKING COUGH

We mean the kind of cough it gives one a cold shiver just to hear—the dry, deep-seated hack—hack—hack—that seems as if it were tearing the very vitals. That's the kind of cough that means business.

Fortunately, though, that is also one of the kinds of cough for which Na-Dru-Co Syrup of Linseed, Licorice and Chlorodyne was first prescribed, and which it has been relieving with great promptness and regularity ever since.

Na-Dru-Co Syrup of Linseed, Licorice and Chlorodyne is absolutely free from harmful drugs of any kind, and is safe even for children. It is pleasant to take, and acts quickly, relieving the irritation, loosening the phlegm, promoting expectoration, and so stopping the cough. Thousands declare it to be the best cough syrup they have ever tried.

Your Druggist will gladly recommend it, and will supply you with either a 25c. or 50c. bottle. The National Drug & Chemical Co. of Canada, Limited. 116

WOULD BE DREAD WARNING.

"Lady," said Meandering Mike, "would you lend me a cake of soap?"

"Do you mean to tell me you want soap?"

"Yes'm. Me partner's got de hiccups an' I want to scare him."

The Oil of the People.—Many oils have come and gone, but Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil continues to maintain its position and increase its sphere of usefulness each year. Its sterling qualities have brought it to the front and kept it there, and it can truly be called the oil of the people. Thousands have benefited by it and would use no other preparation.

And many a man treats a stranger better in a barroom than he treats his wife at home.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

THE REASON.

Mrs. Fijit—How do you account for the fact that a woman can make a doller go farther than a man can?

Fijit—I guess it must be because she makes it go faster.

Thousands of Consumptives die every year. Consumption results from a neglected cold on the lungs. Hamlins Wizard Oil will cure these colds. Just rub it into the chest and draw out the inflammation.

HOW SWEET OF HER.

Harry—"You do look nice in that frock, dear; but it cost me a heap of money."

Mrs. Harry—"You dear old boy! What do I care for money when it's a question of pleasing you?"

A Pill for Brain Workers. — The man who works with his brains is more liable to derangement of the digestive system than the man who works with his hands, because the one calls upon his nervous energy while the other applies only his muscular strength. Brain fag begets irregularities of the stomach and liver, and the best remedy that can be used is Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. They are specially compounded for such cases and all those who use them can certify to their superior power.

TALKING THROUGH ROCK.

An invention which should prove of the greatest value to the various industries in which men are forced to works underground, has been perfected by an Englishman named Grindell Mathews. It is called the aerophone, and differs from the telephone in that it carries the human voice through long distance without wires, and with the aid alone of the natural elements. Stone walls "do not a prison make" for this new instrument, for exhaustive tests have shown that the voice can be carried through any obstacle, even including five miles of solid rock.

The fool is never so stingy with his folly as the wise man is with his wisdom.

They keep the whole system in the pink of condition.

Their singular curative properties discovered by an Indian tribe—introduced to civilization nearly a century ago—compounded since 1857 in the Comstock Laboratories at Brockville, Ontario.

Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills

have a remarkable record for consistently curing constipation, biliousness and indigestion, purifying the blood, banishing headaches and clearing the skin. 25c. a box everywhere.

SCOTT'S "BLACK DWARF."

Character Was David Ritchie, Native of Tweeddale.

How many of Sir Walter Scott's readers believe that "Black Dwarf" is not altogether an imaginary character. Such is the case, however. The poor man's name was David Ritchie, a native of Tweeddale. He was the son of a laborer in the slate quarries of Stobo. Sometimes his mis-shapen form was imputed to ill-usage, and sometimes to having been born that way. He was taught the trade of a brush maker at Edinburgh; but his extreme ugliness of form and face caused such painful attention, that he wandered from place to place. Finally he settled himself on a bit of wild moorland on the farm of Woodhouse in the vale of the small river Manor in Peebleshire, where he built himself a little house. The late Sir James Nasmith was proprietor of the ground. Poor David had built without leave; but Sir James allowed the encroachment. The dwarf hated children on account of their insults. He was 3½ feet high and was hideous to look at. Yet he was not destitute of intellectual true force and finer feeling.

He was a true lover of the beauties of nature. David never refused gratuities from strangers, and at his death in the beginning of last century he possessed $100. His living favorites were a cat and dog, and he was very fond of his small garden and bees; of which he took great care. He first wished to be buried in the glen, where he had his little hermitage; but changed his mind, and was finally interred in the burial ground of Manor Parish.

He died some years before Scott sketched the character of "Elshie of the Mucklestane Moor" from David Ritchie.

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"You don't look as if you had always been a tramp."

"I haven't," he replied, without offense. "I came from a very good family."

She let him eat on without interruption, but after he had finished, she said:

"You say you came from a good family. May I ask the name?"

"It was Blankleigh," he responded.

"Why," she said, in surprise, "that's the name of the man who lives next door to us!"

"Yes," he replied, "I noticed it on the door-plate. That's where I came from. He threw me down his steps just before I called here."

"That young lady is angry with me. The episode happened at a reception. I couldn't see her face under her big hat." "And you mistook her for another young lady, eh? Nothing in that to get mad about." "I mistook her for a piano lamp."

NEWFOUNDLAND TOO SENDS GOOD NEWS

OF THE GREAT WORK DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS ARE DOING.

J. C. Green, a sufferer from Rheumatism and Lumbago for five years, finds quick relief and complete cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Clam Bank Cove, Bay St. George, Nfld., Dec. 4 (Special).—Newfoundland contributes its share of the splendid cures made by Dodd's Kidney Pills. There is a striking example at this place. Mr. J. C. Green, a well known resident, suffered from Rheumatism and Lumbago for five years. To-day he is a well man, and does not hesitate to give Dodd's Kidney Pills all the credit for the cure.

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ROGUES IN HIGH PLACES.

Blue Bloods Who Have Been Convicted of Robbery.

The recent sentence on a Russian calling himself Prince Alexander Makaieff for shoplifting in London recalls the fact that Giovanni Passi, who has been called in Italy "The Prince of Swindlers," is really a prince by birth. But extravagance in his youth led to his robbing a banker of $20,000 for which he was arrested, and his subsequent career of over forty years has been one long record of crime.

Then there was the discovery, which so horrified all Germany a few years ago, of great quantities of stolen goods in the Castle of Basedow, in Mecklenburg. Suspicion was at the time thrown on the wife of Prince Adolf Vrede, who owns the castle. Knives, forks, cream-jugs, silver plates and dishes, and even napery, all purloined from fashionable hotels, were taken by the police from the castle. Kleptomania formed the only possible solution of the scandal, for the princess is immensely wealthy.

At a charity bazaar, some time ago, the news leaked out that a lady of title, given a large tray of Japanese trinkets to dispose of, returned the empty tray, with but 93 cents in cash, and coolly explained that she had pocketed the first $50 taken!

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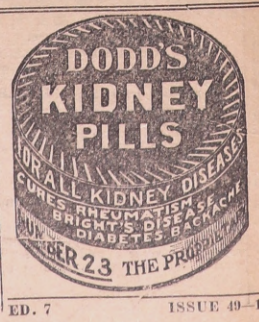
WAY TO CHASE 'EM.

Maid—"O, missus here comes some of your husband's relatives! Looks as if they were prepared to stay a week."

Mistress—"That's all right; just put away the chicken and lobster salad and boil some turnips for dinner."



MEATS.

Mock Sweetbread.—These are made of lean veal. If the sinews and tendons are removed carefully and the meat finely minced they are excellent. Add half a cup of veal suet to a pound of the meat and chop all together; soak a baker's roll in milk and beat it light; add the grated rind of a lemon, a dust of grated nutmeg, pepper, salt, two eggs; add the veal shaped into sweetbreads; dip in egg and bread crumbs and fry in boiling fat. Serve rather dry or with a gravy made of the bones of the veal, boiled and highly seasoned.

Chicken Dumplings. — Stew chicken until tender, make gravy, before taking up, then pour all in baking pan. Make dumplings with two cups flour, heaping teaspoon baking powder, two tablespoons of butter, rub in thoroughly and make soft with sweet milk. Roll thin, cut in squares, put over chicken, and bake in hot oven. They can be eaten cold and are always light and puffy.

Left Over Beef.—Take pieces of cold beefsteak, cut in small pieces, place in frying pan until bottom of pan is covered. Dredge with flour, a little salt and pepper, and one onion chopped fine. Then slice cold potatoes and lay in layers on meat; cut up a few tomatoes and place on top of potatoes; season all with salt and pepper. Cover all with water, put cover on, and cook twenty minutes. You will have a delicious pan stew.

Boil potatoes with the skins on the day before using. When the meat is boiled save some of the stock and put in when meat and potatoes are mixed.

THE MAGISTRATE'S STORY.

What He Owes to Zam-Buk.

Mr. C. E. Sanford, of Weston, Kings Co., N.S., a Justice of the Peace for the county, and a deacon of the Baptist Church in Berwick, says: "I have used Zam-Buk for piles and found it a splendid remedy. It cured me."

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"You say the elopement was sort of forced upon you?" "Yes; after she came down the rope ladder her father pulled it up."

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"Ferdy and I have parted forever."

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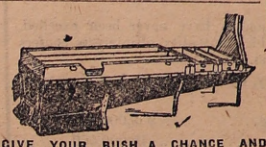

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CLOTHING TO BE UNSINKABLE

Is Claim of German Inventor of New Fabric.

A remarkable demonstration was given the other day in the Spree, near Berlin, Germany, of a new fabric designed to make clothing so buoyant that it will keep its wearer afloat in the water, writes a correspondent of the London Illustrated News. The composition of the invention which brings about this result is a well guarded secret. To don a garment lined with it is to become unsinkable.

On the occasion mentioned infantrymen in full marching kit, clad in uniforms lined with the material, which rendered the clothing neither heavier nor thicker than usual, threw themselves into the water, and not only did not sink, but were able to "march" in the water and to fire. At the same time coffee was served to a party in the water, waiter and guests being clad in the special fabric.

It is reported that recently the inventor, wearing his suit, jumped into the water before the Kaiser's steamer to demonstrate the value of his devices, and that the police arrested him for impropriety.

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Bitter experience is a wonderful teacher. No doubt the young lady of whom London Ideas tells had often been told that she ought to wear glasses, but had neglected or refused to do so.

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"I want a pair of glasses immediately," she said, "good, strong ones. I won't be without them for another day!"

"Good, strong ones?"

"Yes, please. I was out in the country yesterday, and I made a very painful blunder, which I have no wish to repeat."

"Indeed! Mistook an entire stranger for an old friend, perhaps?"

"No, nothing of the sort. I mistook a bumblebee for a blackberry."

A strong deputation from the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario waited on the Government at Ottawa to urge the immediate enlargement of the Welland Canal.

LONDON MESSENGER BOYS.

They Are Often Entrusted With Remarkable Jobs to Perform.

Some curious instances of the quaint tasks which the ubiquitous London District Messenger boy is called on to undertake were given at the annual presentation of prizes—made by Princess Marie of Schleswig-Holstein—at the Duke of Portland's house in the city a few days ago.

All sorts of tasks, some romantic, some comic, had been performed by the boys who won these rewards.

If any of the boys earned his medals Alfred Beale did. He received three—one for good conduct, one for going to Rome, and one for going to Paris.

Beale is one of those persons who have greatness thrust upon them. He is quite willing to go whenever he gets an order from headquarters giving him the route to some foreign country, and he enjoys the trip.

His Rome trip was undertaken for the purpose of delivering a suit of court uniform, made by a West End firm, to a customer in Rome who was in a hurry.

He took some geometrical projectors to a customer in Paris for whom the ordinary mail was not quite quick enough. That, however, was an uneventful job, though he was there and back inside twenty-four hours.

But probably his most curious job was a journey to Liege, undertaken solely for the purpose of handing to the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg—who was on his way from Paris to Berlin—a luncheon basket from London containing delicacies which the Grand Duchess particularly favored.

"You are the first messenger boy I have seen, I think," said the Grand Duke, "and it is pretty smart of you to come over here alone."

Beale has already traveled about 4,000 miles alone.

Several of the other boys decorated had won their laurels in peculiar ways. Messenger Robbins, for instance, had to fetch an elephant and its keeper, an Indian boy, from Brixton to the Palladium and to take it back the same night—a task which gave him the precious experience of a ride on an elephant's back.

One of the most amusing tasks mentioned was that of a boy who was sent for in hot haste to a house where he found standing on a table a terrified lady, who refused to descend until a mouse which she had seen in the room had been captured. The messenger caught and dispatched the unhappy mouse within half an hour.

Another queer task mentioned was that of Messenger C. Cliff, who was sent for and instructed by some irate residents to stand in front of a German band which was playing in the street and suck a lemon. Eventually one of the tormented musicians threatened him under the ear, but the lad stolidly stuck to his task, though whether or not he succeeded in stopping the "music" was not stated.

Cause For Economy.

"A new hat, my dear?" said Mr. Needall. "I must say you don't seem to be following my suggestions of economy."

"It's the first new hat I've had this six months!" answered his wife, sniffling.

"Nonsense! What's wrong with your old one?"

"It's out of date," she brindled. "And, after all, while I've been pinching and saving, what have you been doing, I'd like to know? You've been going to your clubs and music halls and smoking your expensive cigars"—

"Of course, my darling," he interrupted in a pained voice. "What else do you suppose I asked you to economize for?"—Answers.

China's Food Problem.

No natural resource is too trifling to be turned to account by the teeming population of China. The sea is raked and strained for edible plunder. Seaweed and kelp have a place in the larder. Great quantities of shellfish no bigger than one's finger nail are opened and made to yield a food that finds it way far inland. The fungus that springs up in the grass after a rain is eaten. Fried sweet potato vines furnish the poor man's table. The roadside ditches are bailed out for the sake of fishes no longer than one's finger. Careful observers say that four-fifths of the conversation among common Chinese relates to food.

Legal Advice.

"Sir," said a barber to a lawyer who happened to be passing his shop, "will you tell me if this is a good half sovereign?"

The lawyer, pronouncing the coin to be quite genuine, coolly deposited it in his pocket, adding with great gravity, "If you'll send you boy round to my office I'll return the three shilings and fourpence change." — London Ideas.

The Usual Fate.

The unconscious stranger lay on the sidewalk breathing heavily and groaning. Two teeth were missing, his eyes were marked and his nose was bleeding.

"Who can he be?" said the crowd again and again.

"I guess he was some peacemaker," suggested the ambulance surgeon, surveying the wreckage.

No Romance.

Mr. Farwest—I met my old schoolmate Lakeside to-day for the first time in an age, and I thought from the way he acted when I mentioned you that you and he must have had some romance or other before we met.

Mrs. Farwest—No romance about it. We were married for a few years, that's all.

Simple Remedies For Fever.

The hot pack, the cold pack and cold bath for reduction of temperature should be used only under the advice and direction of the physician. In mild cases of fever, however, sponging the body with cold or tepid water or alcohol and water will prove grateful and often reduce the fever.

HOW TO WASH HAIRBRUSHES.

Cold Water and Ammonia Should Be Used, Keeping Backs Dry.

The best of hairbrushes may be ruined by careless washing, and if the bristles are allowed to become soft a hairbrush becomes practically useless for its intended purpose. Many persons cleanse hairbrushes by covering them with wheaten flour and simply rubbing the bristles together. This method, however, is not thoroughly satisfactory.

To keep your brushes in good condition proceed in the following manner: Have two dishes of cold—not hot—water. To the first dish, which contains, say, a quart of water, add a dessertspoonful of ammonia.

Now take your brushes one by one and keep dipping the bristles up and down in the water, being careful not to wet the backs, and in a minute or two the dirt and dust will come out of them as if by magic, leaving them beautifully white. Now dip up and down several times in the second dish containing the clean water to rinse them. Shake well and place to drain across a rack or towel horse.

No soap is needed and no rubbing with the hands. If you adopt this method of cleansing your brushes you will find that they will last three itmes as long as if cleansed with hot water and soap and that the bristles will preserve their stiffness.

How to Clean House.

Housecleaning time is dreaded justly by a great many people, but the thoughtful husband may get it through with in short order. Washing windows, for instance, is always gone about in such an awkward way, the windows being washed in statu quo, so to speak. A simpler way is to take the windows out and send them to the laundry.

Dusting the pictures is also usually attended with much hard work. A quick and simple plan is to take hold of the frame firmly and swing the picture back and forth, hitting it sharply against the wall each time. This dislodges the dust, which falls to the floor and may easily be swept up.

If you have no vacuum cleaner you may improvise one with an old bicycle pump by attaching a funnel to the nozzle. Then work the pump backward, so that instead of forcing the air out it will be drawn in. The rugs may soon be cleaned in this way.

Washing the woodwork is another futile procedure. Simply get a few gallons of paint and paint over the grime on the woodwork.

To repolish the hardwood floors take your wife's manicure buffer and sit down in a comfortable position and go to work. You will be surprised at what a pleasant way this will be to while away the evenings.

Don't Read This Often.

"Hi, mister," called the driver of a huge dray, "will you kindly hold my hoss' head for me while I get down?"

The pedestrian hesitated.

"Well, I'll do my best," he observed, approaching gingerly, "though I don't know much about horses. Er—which one shall I hold?"

"The off 'un," replied the driver.

"Dear me! Poor thing!" exclaimed the pedestrian. "Do you mean this sad-looking one?"

"No, I don't," cried the driver. "I said the off 'un, didn't I?"

"Yes, I know you did," replied the pedestrian testily, "but as I wasn't at his parents' funeral how the dickens am I to guess which is the orphan?"—Answers.

A Curious Accident.

Of all the curious accidents the strangest occurred in the Madras presidency, India, some years ago. A large party was out shooting and had mortally wounded a tigress. She was, however, still able to fight, and one of the hunters, having rashly ventured too near, was seized by the beast. His companions ran up and soon despatched the tigress and released her victim. But just as he rose to his feet there was a loud report, and he fell again, with a bullet through his chest. In rising he had struck with his foot and discharged his own rifle, which lay on the ground. After long nursing he recovered from the wound, but it was a narrow escape.

Startled Schumann.

An amusing story of Schumann is told by a Vienna critic. The composer once accompanied his wife, who was even then a celebrated pianist, to the palace when she went to play before the King of Holland and was gratified by the monarch's compliments of her performance. The composer was somewhat surprised, however, when the king turned to him and courteously inquired, "Are you also musical?" They say Schumann was so indignant that he never spoke for an hour.

Power of an Air Brake.

Some idea of the power of an air brake may be gained from the following facts: It takes a powerful locomotive drawing a train of ten passenger cars a distance of about five miles to reach a speed of sixty miles an hour on a straight and level track. The brakes will stop the same train from a speed of 60 miles an hour in 700 feet. Roughly it may be stated that a train may be stopped by the brakes in about 3 per cent. of the distance that must be covered to give it its speed.

Measure For Measure.

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Western Canada

News Notes of the Week

Winnipeg, Man. December 2, 1911—The holiday season here has been marked by fine, but timely weather, thus far, and not for years have the big game hunters had so fine a season for their sojourn in the woods. Consequently trade and big game hunting are exceedingly well patronized. The stores are crowded with shoppers, and six thousand men have taken themselves to to the woods and hills of Manitoba in search of Moose Elk and Deer.

Business is good in Winnipeg and generally all over the West, although Manitoba has been favored to a great degree by having better weather for threshing and preparing the crop for market. Eleven months' building returns show a total of 4,220 new structures that will cost $17,343,850, and December will swell this to about eighteen millions. Winnipeg bank clearings made another record for the month ending Nov. 30th, running to the huge total of $159,186,897. This addition to the returns for the year to date made the total bank clearings for eleven months $1,041,723,124., an amount to be very largely increased by the December business, which is sure to be heavy.

Wheat receipt figures show that bad weather has not prevented the forwarding of the crop in far greater quantity than last year. The totals to Nov. 30th are 44,515,000 bushels of wheat, and 9,268,000 of other grains, as against 37,556,000 bushels of wheat, and 9,559,000 bushels of other grains to the same date last year.

Immigration figures for the season are large, too. The Canadian Pacific Railway, alone, has brought 150,000 persons into Canada during ten months of the current year, and the other railways and transportation companies have been busy in proportion to their several capacities.

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The Composition of a Rocket.

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J. D. Chilman and Joseph Acheson, two well-known Hamilton men, were arrested on a charge of robbing the Canadian Express Company of $8,000.

The McNamara brothers were sentenced on Tuesday, one to life imprisonment, and the other to fifteen years in penitentiary for dynamiting several buildings with loss of life.

A CLASSIC ON CONSUMPTION

Words of a Prominent Canadian Citizen as He Has Viewed the War Against Consumption

"Men, women, and children are all being mowed down every day by this fell disease—consumption—and it is a mistake."

These words of Mr. Edward Gurney, spoken at a gathering in Muskoka a year ago, may be fittingly termed a classic on consumption.

The records of the Muskoka Sanatorium, as do those of other institutions of a like kind, on this continent and in Europe, show very clearly that this much dreaded disease can be, and is being conquered by the treatment followed in any well-managed sanatorium. In our own Province, within the time that the hospitals in Muskoka have been in existence, the death-rate from consumption has been reduced twenty-five per cent.

The life-saving possibilities of the sanatorium in Canada are limited only by the means required to carry on and extend the work. For this reason we very cheerfully ask our readers to help in the great and growing work that is being done at Muskoka.

It is a fine statement for the trustees of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives to be able to make, that from the month of April, 1902, when this institution was first opened, up to the present day, not a single patient has ever been refused admission to this hospital because unable to pay.

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County Council

The County Council met for its last session of the year in the Shire Hall, Belleville, on Tuesday, Dec. 5th. The members were all present.

The Warden, Mr. Dryden, made a short address, in which he referred to the fact that two members of the Council had been elected to represent the County in the Ontario Legislature.

By permission of the Council, Mr. A. D. McIntosh, of Stirling, District Representative of the Agricultural Department, addressed the Council, directing their attention to the subject of forestry in the county. The Department of the Interior asked for information regarding the use of non-agricultural lands in Hastings, and the possible formation of forest reserves. Mr. McIntosh said there was a grand opening for the council here.

He had received detailed reports of the number of trees in the orchards of Sidney township. There are 112,900 fruit trees, mostly apples. The report gives the names of the owners and the situations. Great benefit is to be derived from advertising in this way. In Northumberland there are 16,000 acres of fruit lands; in Prince Edward 13,000 acres; and in Hastings about 11,000 acres. Some of the orchards are worth $500. It would be well to advertize this so that the incoming population might know of the fruit growing advantages of Hastings. Mr. McIntosh spoke of the provincial display in Toronto from Northumberland and Durham. In most instances the council made a grant and the government supplemented this. With these grants they make their elaborate show to advertise their counties.

He had written Mr. Hudgins that Hastings would make a show next year. With the grants of the Council and the Government, a magnificent display would be the result.

He then referred to the short course in Agriculture in Stirling High School during the coming winter.

The Warden said that the County had heard these questions in a new light, and would consider the matter very seriously.

The Ontario Good Roads Association's letter regarding the appointment of delegates to join with a deputation to Premier Borden asking for Federal aid for the provincial roads was read.

It was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Some discussion took place in reference to an [illegible] adjourned to Wednesday morning.

Council resumed.

The county treasurer, Mr. B. Mallory, presented his report of receipts and expenditures to Dec. 6th. Receipts and expenditures were itemized. Most of the expenditures are within the estimates.—Received and filed.

Thos. Thompson, chairman of the Finance and Public Property Committee, reported on the changes in the court house. The cost was $1,083.90, while the estimate in June allowed $1,500. The concrete walk in front of the court house was rebuilt at a cost of $162.23. The old library in the Shire Hall has been turned into a committee room for the use of the council.

It was recommended that in 1912 the treasurer's and clerk's offices be renovated and the building painted on the outside.

The city of Belleville has not yet paid its share of the county bridge.

Mr. Ketcheson gave notice of a by-law to deviate part of the county road from Frankford to Trenton.

Mr, Hubbell gave notice of a by-law to assume part of McGill street in Marmora as a county road.

Mr. Hanley said that years ago Tyeninaga put in force a by-law adding 5 per cent on taxes unpaid by Dec. 15. This township does not experience any difficulty in collecting taxes.

There was a discussion in reference to the height of Fair's Bridge in Marmora township, but no action was taken.

Mr. Hamilton of Madoc, wrote asking for a free auctioneer's license.—Referred to ways and means committee.

Mr. H. Howie, who met with an accident to his horse, asked the council to pay a bill of $20.75 for livery and veterinary services. Referred to ways and means committee.

The matter of the crossing of the G.T. R. over the gravel road at Moira Lake caused some discussion. On motion it was left in the hands of the Reeve of Huntingdon, and the Superintendent of Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Ketcheson moved that the county superintendent be authorized to post up notices forbidding the dumping of rubbish on the county roads—Carried.

Mr. White moved, seconded by Mr. Ketcheson, that the G. T. R. be notified to repair the roadway north of the overhead bridge between Sidney and Belleville.—Carried.

Mr. Vermilyea moved, seconded by Mr. Cook, that the superintendent and chairman of roads be, and are hereby appointed to examine such county bridges as the various reeves report to them at this session, as in their opinion needing to be replaced during the year 1912 by new bridges.—Carried.

Mr. Clark brought up the question of the assessment of telephone and telegraph companies' wlres

He, (Mr. Clark) moved that non-resident lands do the same amount of statute labor as residents. — Carried.

Mr. Nugent, of Wollaston, spoke on the question of the assessment of wires, and of the statute labor question. Mr. Nugent said a few words on the sale of non-resident lands as a solution of which problem he thought every property should pay the tax within a year or two, and then be sold in default. It would save a great deal of red tape. The elapse of three years of non payment meant the stripping the lands of timber. The lands might be given to the county for the purposes of reforestration.

Moved by Mr. P. P. Clark, seconded by Mr. Netterville, that a committee consisting of the Clerk, the Treasurer, the reeves of Elzevir, Tudor, Wollaston, Marmora, Lake, Limerick, and Monteagle be a committee to draft changes in the assessment act to be submitted to the Government with the request that the said changes be made. The said committee to report next day.—Carried.

The special committee on telephone, electric and telegraph companies' guy wire obstructions on the county roads reported that the companies had been notified to remove all obstructions and guy wires placed towards the centre of the roads.

The Electric Power Company would like to have a representrtive go over their transmission lines with representatives of the company.

Mr. Thompson said that the companies had been informed and that the council had relieved itself of all responsibility.

Mr. Clark said that the municipality was liable for all the width of the highway. If any obstructions were pointed out and others not mentioned the county could be held responsible in case of accident. A company that undertook the placing of poles on a road should take the responsibility. [illegible] sidered a dangerous pole near Ivanhoe. The company concerned had offered to make the removal.

The report was received and adopted.

Mr. Vermilyea moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, that the reeves of Marmora, and Lake and the village of Marmora, and the chairman of bridges, be a special committee to investigate all the circumstances and to confer with such persons as have local knowledge of spring conditions in the undertaking of such work as may be necessary. Carried.

The committee appointed at the June session to consider and report upon matters appertaining to the hospital at Belleville submitted its report,—

We recmmend, now that county patients are no longer discriminated against in the matter of charges, that one hundred dollars per quarter be paid to the hospital at Belleville, payments to be made on Jan. 1st, April 1st, July 1st, Oct. 1st, the first payment to be made on Jan. 1st. 1912.

Mr. Vermilyea moved the adoption of the report and it reference to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Ketcheson seconded it.

Mr. Clarke was heartily in sympathy with the spirit. He thought the W. C. A. branches in the county could assist. It might be possible to admit Prince Edward patients at the same rate as Belleville and get Prince Edward county to make a grant.

His Honor the warden said many patients from the northern townships went to Kingston for treatment. The rate to the county patients should be $2.50. He did not wish to put in a word against the hospital. The city of Belleville is nearer the doors and has easy access.

Mr. Vermilyea said the council should recognize the self-denying work of the ladies of the W. C. A. who con-

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BRITISH STATISTICS.

Report of the Registrar-General of the United Kingdom.

There has been a striking falling off in the natural increase in the population of England and Wales this year. In a report issued by the Registrar-General of the United Kingdom it is shown that in the quarter ended September 30 births exceeded deaths by only 81,645, as compared with 123,022 excess of births over deaths in the corresponding quarter of 1910 and 123,309 and 124,054 in the third quarters of 1908 and 1909 respectively. The number of births registered in England and Wales in the third quarter of 1911 was 222,601, a rate of 24.4 annually a thousand of population, or 2.9 a thousand below the average birth rate in the third quarters of the ten preceding years. It was the lowest birth rate ever registered in any third quarter since the establishment of official civil registration. In four large cities of the United Kingdom outside of the England and Wales the birth rate to the thousand of population was 20.4 in Edinburgh, 26.6 in Glasgow, 28 in Dublin and 28.3 in Belfast. The death rate in these places was Edinburgh, 14.2; Glasgow, 16.2; Dublin, 21.5, and Belfast, 16.9.

French statistics just issued indicate that there will be an actual falling off of 40,000 in the population of France in 1911 as compared with 1910. Last year the official registration figures showed that there was a slight decrease, not enough to justify belief that the trend would be downward permanently. The figures now presented, which cover the first six months of 1911, show that there were 14,000 fewer births and 26,000 more deaths than during the first six months of 1910. This made a net loss of 18,270 in the population.

According to the British figures the estimated population of the United Kingdom at the beginning of the second half of 1911 was 45,311,078. Subdividing this total England and Wales are given 36,168,750, Scotland 4,766,860 and Ireland 4,375,468. The natural increase in population—that is the excess of births over deaths—was 104,550. The birth rate for England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales combined in the third quarter of 1911 was 24.3 a thousand of estimated population and the death rate 15.2 a thousand.

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JAPANESE DENTISTS.

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So great is the skill of these native dentists that many of them are able to remove six or seven teeth per minute. Indeed, their skill is hardly to be wondered at when one considers the course of preparatory training they are obliged to undergo.

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THROUGH EVERYTHING.

Mrs. Grouch—Oh, is there anything I haven't been through since I married you?

Grouch (calmly)—Nothing in the shape of a pocket, certainly.

The Union of South Africa, which includes the Transvaal, Cape Colony, Natal, and Orange Free State, has a population of 6,000,000 people.

NOTHING LIKE THEM FOR A SORE BACK

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS STILL DOING GREAT WORK.

Mrs. T. G. Alexander, of Hawthorne, after twelve years' suffering, tells the public what they are doing for her.

Hawthorne, Ont., Dec. 11 (Special).—"There is nothing like Dodd's Kidney Pills for a sore back." That is the statement of Mrs. T. G. Alexander of this place, and all her neighbors agree that she should know. "I suffered for twelve years from a pain in my back, Rheumatism and Heart Disease," Mrs. Alexander continues. "I was always tired and nervous and my sleep was broken and unrefreshing. Since taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I am feeling so much better that I feel I must say a good word for them."

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MAKES MONEY ON TREES.

German Municipality Grows Fruit Along the Highways.

There is a town in Germany that makes money on its shade trees. Consul Thompson writes that in Linden, adjoining Hanover, the roadside fruit trees owned by the municipality yielded this year $4,906. The Consul adds: "This application of the beautiful, practical and economic possibilities embraced in the control of such public property as roads is a fine illustration of the community thrift of the Germans. During the three or four weeks' period of ripening sharp-eyed old watchmen on bicycles patrol the roads, being particularly active on Sundays, when the people are out in large numbers. It is forbidden to pick up fruit from the ground, and to knock it from the trees is subject to a fine of 100 marks ($23.80) or more for each offence. Laws and regulations for the general good, however, excite [illegible] the highway fruit trees rarely occur."

NATIONAL ANTHEMS.

Both the Chinese and Japanese national anthems have the merit of brevity. The length of most national anthems is in inverse ratio to the size of their proprietary countries. The Belgian "Brabanconne" is much longer than the "Marseillaise" and "God Save The King." While there are only sixteen bars in the Russian anthem and twenty-eight in "Hail, Columbia," the Siamese require seventy-six bars to proclaim their loyalty, and the record for length is held by the San Marino anthem, which has ninety-seven, or more than four times as many bars as there are square miles in the republic.

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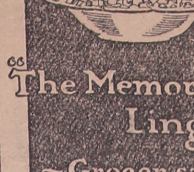

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REST CURE FOR TRAMPS.

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Prof. Kellers has for some time been a persistent advocate of the out-of-door treatment of lunacy. His chief contention is that fresh air tones up the nervous system, while the varied natural objects are calculated to arrest the attention of the patients and dissipate the more distressing symptoms of monomania ofttimes prevalent. The authorities, however, preferred to effect a compromise, relegating to the new sanitarium many of the criminal lunatics hitherto held in practically solitary durance. A peculiarity of the system is that under the comprehensive classification adopted by th authorities men of the more degenerative class, both as regards crime and vice, are removed to Llyoe for treatment. The method of "cure" of confirmed laziness is somewhat Spartan. Either the men must settle down to regular habits of work—chiefly of a rural character—or the "rest cure" is pushed home to its logical result—they are forced to lie in bed for a term varying from a day to three or four days. By that time the ennui become simply unbearable, and the men are glad to escape from the torture of sheer inactivity.

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Miss Lillie May, of Stoney Creek, Ont., says: "A few weeks since, several nasty, disfiguring cold sores suddenly broke out on my lips, which became much swollen. I tried [illegible]tions of this balm, every sore was healed."

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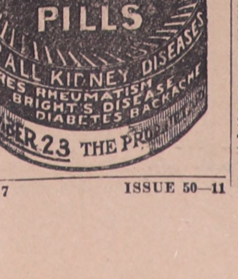

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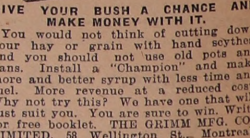

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HOUSEHOLD

MISCELLANEOUS RECIPES.

Baked Mackerel—Soak salt mackerel over night to remove brine; wash well, butter pie dish, roll mackerel in flour and put in dish, skin side down; cover with milk, add few small pieces of butter and bake forty-five minutes.

Apricot Sauce.—Use one pound of evaporated apples, one-fourth pound of dried apricots, stew together, stirring while boiling, to mix, and prevent burning.

Sauce Coloring.—Burn sugar in a roast pan until it is black. Then pour a little water at a time on the sugar, let it boil every time ... it is liquid. Pour it in a little bottel and when needed take a teaspoonful of this color and mix with the sauce.

Baked Mushrooms.—The caps or tops of mushrooms, after they are washed, can best be cooked by laying them on slices of buttered bread with a dash of salt and pepper and a small bit of butter in each cup. Bake them in a hot oven. The mushrooms will be done by the time the bread is brown. They should be served at once on a hot dish.

Good Biscuits.—One cup flour, one teaspoon lard, one teaspoon baking powder, one-fourth teaspoon salt. Mix flour, lard, baking powder, and salt with a spoon; add sufficient sweet milk or cold water to make a stiff dough. Flour board and roll till about a half inch thick. Cut out and bake in quick oven. Some flour takes a little more water than others, but a scant cup is the average.

Escalloped Corn.—Use one can corn, six eggs, butter size of an egg, large pinch of salt and pepper; mix well, then add three-quarters quart milk and thicken with bread crust or broken crackers. Bake one-half hour in medium oven.

Chicken and Celery Soup. — Take the best part of two heads of celery. Cut it up fine and add a heaping tablespoon of rice. Cook till soft. Take one quart of chicken broth, one pint of milk, and cook all together and season with salt and pepper. You have a fine soup.

Brown Cake.—Break four eggs into a large bowl, add one scant cup of butter and lard, one large cup of brown sugar, one-half cup of black molasses, one heaping teaspoon of soda in cup of hot water, cinnamon, nutmeg, spices and juice of half a lemon. Beat long and well, adding five cups of sifted flour beating it in thoroughly. Bake in a large cake pan.

DESSERTS.

Peach Dessert. — Drain juice from a bottle of peaches and put them in a baking dish or loaf tin. Pour cage batter over to the depth of one-half inch and bake. Serve with juice of peaches or whipped cream. Stewed apples, sweetened and flavored with cinnamon, or dried fruits may be used in the same way.

Suet Pudding.—Mix in suitable bowl two cups of bread crumbs, one of flour, one and one-half of suet, chopped finely, two cups raisins, seeded and chopped, and one-half cup sugar. Add liberal pinch of salt and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Moisten with two eggs beaten in milk enough to make stiff. Put into well buttered bowl, cook by steaming three to six hours. Serve hot with cream sauce.

Luella's Pudding.—A most delicious pudding is made by taking one cup of uncooked rice, one cup of sugar, one cup of raisins. and ten cups of whole milk, measuring all in same sized cup. Stir together and bake in well heated oven for two and one-half hours. Do not stir while baking. This makes enough for six or eight people.

SALADS.

Sardine Salad.—Select two boxes of sardines and arrange on a platter with chopped celery. For dressing take the yolks of four hard boiled eggs, put in a bowl, and rub to a paste. Add a tablespoonful of French mustard, three of vinegar, a teaspoonful of sugar, and a little cayenne. Mix well together and pour over the sardines and celery. Garnish with sliced lemon.

Turnip Salad.—Pare and cut in dice four medium sized turnips; boil in salted water until tender, changing the water several times. Drain in colander and when cool add one cupful of rich mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce leaves.

Cabbage Salad.—Chop small, firm head of cabbage in your chopper, add salt and pepper to taste, then about four tablespoonfuls of good cider vinegar, stir well, let stand in a cool place for two hours, just before serving, add half cup of cream and heaping tablespoon of powdered sugar, mix well, serve on crisp lettuce.

CAKE FOR SMALL FAMILY.

To make a layer cake, bake one good layer, cut in either halves or thirds, lay one piece on top of the other, and proceed to frosten or ice as usual.

If variety is wanted take the usual amount of material for an ordinary cake. Divide batter in four parts.

One part may be baked as a marble cake, after dividing it into three parts add one-half cake grated chocolate, to one-third leave plain and add two teaspoons strawberry flavoring to the last third. Pour a little of each in pan until all is gone and you have a fine marble cake.

One-half pound chopped nuts added to the second part will make a nut cake. One-half cup each of chopped dates and nuts, one-quarter cup each of chopped figs, citron and raisins, one-half teaspoon each of grated nutmeg, cinnamon, and cloves will make a fine fruit cake.

The last fourth will make a nice loaf cake.

MAKE OVERS.

A nice, warm petticoat can be made from old stockings. Take four pairs, cut off the feet, and slit up the back. Stitch together, open the seams, and feather stitch down the right side, then put on a yoke belt, placing the ankle part at the waist. Finish by adding a ruffle, also feather stitched to correspond with the seams.

Boys' Overalls.—Take a gunnysack, cut it through the middle the long way, length of the leg. Sew up the seams, and you will have a nice, cheap pair of overalls for the boys to do their chores in after school.

Rope Portieries.—Take an old pair of chenille curtains, ravel out the different colors, and wind in balls, taking care to remove every thread of warp. Select shades that blend nicely or color with dyes and twist loosely into long ropes. Pretty designs may be found in catalogues. Use a brass rod. The result is a drapery handsomer than many found in the shops.

Suit for Boy.—Take the best of the castoff trousers, rip, wash and press. Pin your Buster Brown pattern carefully on the pieces before cutting and with care and tact you can get a suit nicely.

When ruffled muslin curtains have done service at bedroom windows they may be made into the following articles if the best part of the curtain is used: Plain or ruffled sewing aprons, ruffled dresser or bureau scarfs to be used over slip of any color desired, ruffled pillow shams, ruffled splashers used behind washstands, sash curtains.

AROUND THE HOME.

To clean woodwork add borax.

To clean nickel wash with hot soapsuds.

When washing woodwork wet the lower part to prevent streaking.

To remove the strong taste from [illegible] over night.

When filling a fountain pen run cold water through the pen to clean it.

Add cocoa or melted chocolate to your plain cake for a change.

Polish the dining table with sweet oil or melted beeswax.

A simple way to keep mirrors and other glass polished is to rub it well over with some tissue paper. Any stains or fly marks also can be removed in this way.

Any disagreeable odor in the room in which a sick person is kept may be obviated by putting a few drops of oil of lavender in a cup of hot water. The steam which arises from the cup will be refreshing and fragrant.

When putting up curtains in a low room, put the cornice to which the curtain is to be fastened close to the ceiling. The curtains meeting at the top, will conceal the wall and it gives the effect of greater height to the room.

Sometimes the lamp wick obstinately refuses to be turned up in an orderly manner. It will seem firmly wedged at one side, while the other side runs up at a point. To overcome this take a new wick, draw out a single thread near the selvage, and the wick will be found quite tractable when introduced into the burner.

When one hates to take the tablecloth out of doors for shaking, yet wants it cleaner than a scraper can make it, she can accomplish her wants by placing some shallow dish, as a soup plate, in the centre of the cloth, and shaking the cloth up and down a few times. Every crumb will have lodged in the dish, and the table cloth can be laid away as clean as from a good shaking.

CHINESE MAKE GOOD SAILORS

Ship Owners Find They Make Best Help on Vessels.

There is a growing disposition on the part of ship owners and officers in various parts of the world to send to China for complete crews. For most ships, particularly when first employing such crews, it is necessary to carry about a third more Chinese for the same service.

On the other hand, there are many officers and owners who claim that with such additional allowance of help a vessel is run more easily and efficiently, and that, all things considered, the Chinese sailor is the best all-around man aboard ship to be found anywhere. He is adaptable from fire-room to galley, is industrious, has little or no desire to leave the ship in port, and therefore gives little or no trouble from drunkenness and desertion.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, DECEMBER 17.

Lesson XII. Ezra teaches the law, Neh. 8. Golden text, Psa. 19. 7.

Verse 1. The broad place—This was a popular meeting place, between the temple and the water gate, so called because the water-carriers' path leading from the spring of Gihon, the Virgin spring, entered the city at this point. It was at the east end of the city.

They spake unto Ezra—It was a request of all the people. It was an unusual step. The people were inspired with a fresh sense of a compact life, and a new hope, now that the work of Nehemiah was completed. Now, after more than a dozen years of indifference to their sacred law, they were ready to fall in with Ezra's measures, by which he sought to make Judah a separate nation on the basis of their religious life.

The book of the law of Moses—A study of the references to the law, in the book of Nehemiah, will discover elements of every part of the Pentateuch. The entire system of priestly and sacrificial regulations, with the many enactments concerning cleanliness and consecration, made up this document. It was the book of instruction, the Torah, "the old covenant."

2. Ezra the priest—He is called both priest and scribe, and in verse 9 and elsewhere is given the twofold appellation. His priestly lineage is traced back to Aaron in Ezra 7. 1-5. His response to the request of the populace is no less remarkable than the request itself.

All that could hear with understanding—A comparison with Neh. 10. 28 indicates that children as well as men and women were included. "The law is for the simplest minds, the religion of Israel is to be popular and domestic."

The first day of the seventh month—This gives us our line upon the year also. The wall was completed on the 25th day of the sixth month. That was in the year B. C. 444, and there can be no doubt the writer meant to convey the impression that the reading of the law followed immediately after. It was an especially appropriate time, for on this day the people had gathered in "holy convocation" to celebrate the Feast of Trumpets (Lev. 23. 23-25).

3. From early morning until mid-[illegible] would compel a cessation of the reading, would be seven hours, and of course the process would not be consecutive. Others were standing by to relieve the great scribe, and interruptions would occur for exposition.

4. A pulpit of wood—The first mention of a pulpit. This erection of a temporary wooden platform gives an indication of the importance of the event. Ezra could in this way be seen by all in the vast assembly.

Beside him—The high priest and his party are not mentioned in this list of those who supported Ezra. The reason is obvious. These thirteen men were laymen and Levites, as was fitting in a movement which meant the overthrow of priestly monopoly and the deliverance of the law into the hands of the people. The Levites were no longer a part of the priesthood, but were rather concerned with the instruction of the people. It is likely that one name has dropped out of those on the right hand, as there ought to be an equal number on both sides, probably seven.

5. All the people stood up—As an evidence of their reverence for the book of the law. Probably they did not remain standing during the entire reading. Standing as a posture for prayer was a token of humility. It became the custom to stand during the reading of the law in the later services of the synagogue.

6. Amen, amen—The response of the people to the prayer of Ezra, ratifying his sentiment. Lifting up the hands was an expression of desire to receive and to embrace the divine blessing, the hands being open and the palms turned upward as if to accept. Bowing with faces to the ground was an attitude of lowly worship.

7. And the Levites—Better, omit the "and," or translate "even." The phrase defines the function of the thirteen men just mentioned. Of these, four are mentioned as Levites in Neh. 9. 5, and the same four, with three of the others, are called Levites in Neh. 10. 9-14. They are all probably representatives of Levitical families.

Caused the people to understand—Gave popular expositions of what Ezra read, interrupting at frequent intervals. This work of instruction in the Levitical law was intrusted to the priests alone.

8. They read—Perhaps there were groups of people, and the Levites were reading to them at the same time with Ezra. But it is more probable that it refers to the Levites who, one by one, relieved Ezra. They read distinctly that is, with clearness and precision. Also they gave the sense, by way of interpretation. There are but two

PRINCESS PATRICIA

Daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

clauses, not three, as in the Authorized Version.

9. All the people wept—Probably from hearing read the threatening portions of the Deuteronomic law. They could not but compare their lives with the behests of the Book.

10. Eat . . . and drink—It was not an occasion for mourning, but one of rejoicing and feasting. The custom on feast days was to exchange portions, and to send them to the poor (Esth. 9. 19, 22).

The joy of Jehovah—That is, the people's joy in him, not in them. Their sense of his care and guidance through all the stormy scenes of the past should drive away sorrow. To rejoice in God is to be strong, because it is to be conscious of the inspiration of his unfailing help.

11. Hold your peace—Compare Hab. 2. 20, and Zeph. 1. 7. It was a bad sign to give way to grief on a holy day.

14. They found written—There are various passages in the Pentateuch relating to the Feast of the Tabernacles, but the one specifically referred to here is Lev. 23. 39-43, where the only mention is made of preparing booths. The feast took place on the fifteenth of the seventh month, and was the great one of that month. It was the final harvest home of the year, the merry, but simple, celebration of the ingathering of the fruit of the field.

15. The mount—The entire hill country of Judah, and especially the Mount of Olives on the other side of the Kedron.

16. Upon the roof—The roofs of Oriental houses were flat. The courts were formed by the houses being built in the form of a quadrangle.

17. Jeshua—Joshua. It is not meant that the feast had never in all that time been celebrated, but never so, with such gladness and ceremony.

ALTAR OF THE MOON GOD.

Sanctuary Food—on a Hilltop Near Ancient City of Antioch.

An important discovery which is fitted to throw light on the ancient religions of Asia Minor has been made by Sir W. M. Ramsay on the top of a mountain fully 5,000 feet above the sea level about four miles from the ancient city of Antioch, where was found the great altar of the moon god, or ancestral god, "Men Askaenos," which is about 66 feet by 41 feet and stands in an open oblong space approximately 241 feet by 136 feet, says the Zion Herald.

This open space is surrounded by a wall five feet thick, which like the altar is built of stones cut from the mountain. Besides this heiron Sir W. M. Ramsay found also a little stadium or theatre which probably served for the games celebrated in honor of the god on certain feast days.

At some distance off a church was also discovered. The estates of "Men Askaenos" was very extensive, and although they probably passed over to Augustus along with the inheritance of Amyntas, King of Galatia, who was lord also of Antioch, the sanctuary of the god was not suppressed, but an income was devoted to its maintenance. No fewer than seventy votive inscriptions for the good have recently been found which belong to about the year 300 A.D.

In thirteen inscriptions the expression "Tekmoreusas" occurs, which is thought to express or register a kind of recantation of faith, when certain Christain families (perhaps the farmers of the state and temple territories) weakly returned once more to the ancient state religion and sought to make amends to Men Askaenos for their abandonment for a time of the pagan worship.

Up to the present time no similar sanctuary dedciated to a known god and recognized throughout the whole of Asia Minor has ever been discovered on a mountain top.

CONCERNING SNAKES.

Way to Kill Ordinary Varieties Is To Rap Them on the Back.

The first impulse of a man on seeing a snake is to stamp on its head, which, according to the Rosary Magazine, is unwise. A snake's skull is very tough, as behooves a part of the body that is always liable to be knocked against stones, &c., owing to the extreme short sightedness of all serpents.

The back, on the contrary, can be broken with a light rap, for it consists of a delicate system of ball and socket joints. Should snakes be harmless the best plan is to leave them alone; should they be dangerous a shot from a revolver is safe and effective.

In case no revolver is at hand a rap with a cane will be sufficient, but care must be taken to keep away from the head of the creature.

A snake does not normally go about hitting its skull against hard objects; it only does this when in a hurry. Moving at its ordinary pace it feels its way with its long, delicate, forked tongue.

In the same way when about to swallow its food it touches it all over with its tongue in order to ascertain where to take hold, and this process has given rise to the mistaken idea that a snake covers its prey with saliva prior to swallowing it. No doubt a considerable quantity of saliva is generated during the process of deglutition, but it does not come from the tongue, which is merely used as a feeler.

When a snake bites it bisects its head up to the nape of its neck and opens its jaws till they are in the same plane, i. e., at right angles to the body. These jaws are provided with six rows of strong, sharp teeth, four on the upper jaw and two on the lower jaw.

This is a very formidable arrangement, but when you remember that a medium sized constrictor can project its head with sufficient force to knock a man off his feet, and will either on provocation or sometimes without it, let go this catapult, rat trap machinery, you are likely to avoid constrictors so far as is possible. Such a snake can take hold of a man and shake him or strip the skin and flesh from the part seized as if it were paper.

CREATURES OF HABIT.

Some Remarkable Stories of a Flock of Sheep.

A little contribution to the troubled subject of animal psychology is given, incidentally, in Rev. H. D. Rawnsley's book, "By Fell and Dale, at the English Lakes." Some apparently stupid and meaningless behavior, *interpreted in the light of* previous facts, would seem to indicate memory, and perhaps even a species if imagination.

Visitors to our lake country, as they ramble over the fells, must be constantly struck with the exceeding beauty of the delicate, lithe little sheep, with their shy, black faces and their dainty feet, that give life to the mountainside.

The most remarkble characteristics of these Herdmick sheep are their homing instinct and their marvelous memories. Of this there are many proofs.

For example, a flock of sheep, driven down a road which was blocked at the time, had to pass through a gate, and so back again through another opening in the wall to the roadway.

They did not pass along that road again for many months. The road was now no longer blocked, and the wall had been built up, but as soon as they came to the place they all topped the wall, and insisted upon going back again through the gate.

I myself have seen a flock suddenly, at a certain place, spring into the air without and apparent reason, and was told that at that particular point the year before a pole had been across the road, and the sheep had jumped it when they came to the place. Although no obstruction now existed, they leaped over an imaginary pole.

LIVED IN GLACIAL PERIOD.

Child Skeleton Has Been Found in A Cave in Hungary.

The first skeleton of a child that lived in the glacial period has been located in the Balle Cave, Hungary. The skeleton is tolerably well preserved, especially the skull, jaw, thigh-bones and the bones of the upper arm. Parts of the spine, however, and the small bones have crumbled away. Prof. Lenhossek, of Budapest, who has made a thorough examination of the remains, had published a report in which he concludes that the child must have been about 15 months old. The skull is long and narrow, as are the forehead and the face. The jaw is prominent. The bones show the same peculiarities as those of the ancestors of the European races. The skeleton does not, of course, belong to the oldest races of which remains have so far been found, but to their immediate descendants, the so-called Mediterranean race. The interest lies in the fact that never before have any remains of a child of such a remote period been discovered.

If you would have your own way you must be willing to travel alone at times.

HARDER THAN THE ROCK.

More Difficult to Tear Down Concrete Than to Build.

Concrete buildings are permanent to an extent never before realized by architects. Office-buildings have a life of twenty, thirty, forty years, as the case may be, and then, if they are built of brick or stone or terra-cotta, they fall into the wrecker's hands, and are removed with little difficulty but much dust, to let other and greater buildings rise in their stead.

But with concrete buildings, says the Construction News, the case is different. To induce the concrete to release its hold on the re-enforcing rods of steel is no easy matter. The steel rods are wound in and out of the mass, crossing and recrossing and lapping over each other until thoroughly tangled, like the hairs in my lady's coiffure, and much harder to separate.

It is infinitely more trouble to tear down a house of re-enforced concrete than it is to build one, and although less skill is required, it will be found that the cost will not be far different. The removal of a small concrete building in New York recently cost twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

The use of the modern re-enforced concrete for building construction goes back hardly twenty years, and there are few buildings of the most approved type that are ten years old. For this reason knowledge of the lasting qualities of cement can-from what is known it is believed that the ordinary house of brick or stone is at the peak of its efficiency the moment it is completed. From not be said to be complete, but that time it begins to deteriorate.

The peak of efficiency in the case of a concrete house has not yet been determined. As concrete gets older, it becomes harder and more durable, that is, of course, if the concrete is properly made.

The usual means of wrecking a house have not the slightest effect on concrete. The sledge-hammer, the drill and dynamite must be used.

Acids might be used to disintegrate the concrete, but the expense would be enormous. Muriatic acid will dissolve the binder in the cement, but the trouble is that as soon as it has soaked in a little the cement counteracts the acid, and it is necessary to wash away the soluble material with a hose before further progress can be made.

The only thing to do it to loosen material with explosives and then break it free from the steel re-enforcement with sledge-hammers, and that is a long, tedious job. A concrete house, re-enforced, becomes what is called monilithic. It *is as if some one had chiseled the* house out of a single piece of stone, with the added strength furnished by the steel.

1,825,000 USELESS RIFLES.

Antiquated Stock Kept in Storage in France.

France's enormous stock of antiquated rifles has been the subject of grave cogitation on the part of the budget committee. Struck by the large sums required by the French War Department for storage and maintenance of material the committee asked for a detailed statement, from which it was learned that in the French arsenals there are no fewer than 1,825,000 old service rifles and carbines which are not the slightest use in case of a mobilization, as the cartridges required for them are no longer made. They are weapon of the 1874 to 1880 patterns and have a calibre of 11 millimetres. Most of them are reported to be in "fair" condition, but more than half a million are admittedly quite useless. These are the remains of a huge accumulation of out-of-date arms that found good purchasers for a time at a dollar or two apiece among African negro tribes. But civilization has made great strides since even in the wilds of Africa and now the African negro is as good a judge of a Mauser or a Winchester repeater as his white brother and when he has the means to pay he insists on having the best. The budget committee has now resolved that the out-of-date goods must be immediately scrapped. It is hoped that the rifle stocks will sell at something like six cents each, while the metal parts will go as old iron, so that these obsolete weapons which were once so expersive will realize no more than maybe ten cents apiece.

RING OFF, WILD BELLES.

Maybelle—"See the beautiful engagement ring Jack gave me last night."

Estelle—"Gracious! Has that just got around to you?"

Tact is merely the art of getting what you want.

Some men haven't charity enough to cover their own sins.

Marrying an heiress is the gold cure for love's intoxication.

It's almost as easy to give good advice as it is not to follow it.

Some men can't make a good impression even with a rubber stamp.

Some daughters wonder what excuse mother had for bringing father into the family.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY DEC. 14, 1911

The Elections

The Ontario Provincial Elections which took place on Monday resulted in the return of the Whitney Government, with but a slightly decreased majority. There were 83 conservatives elected, 22 liberals, and one labor candidate, giving the government a majority of 60. There were only 18 Liberals in the last legislature.

County Council

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trol the hospital. There is a debt, he understood, of $24,000. It was unfair that the government should grant $200,000 to a Toronto hospital alone. If the matter were urged the government might grant a proportionate amount to the Belleville hospital. The large, magnificent structure has been possible only by the great work of the citizens. Belleville has the hospital at its doors, and thus has the advantage of locality. The reeve of Sidney had advanced a plan of assisting the hospital by entertainments in the townships. If the county could co-operate with the W. C. A. in liquidating the debt, the county would feel it was doing something in a good cause.

The average cost, said Mr. Vermilyea, at the hospital is not $2.50 but $8.50 per week. The county has been charged $3.50 per patient, and the government grants 20c. per day.

Mr. Clarke said the county pays more to outside hospitals than was proposed to give to the hospital at Belleville. The Sick Children's Hospital and the Muskoka Hospital for Consumption authorities send out annual appeals to all the municipalities, while the Belleville ladies do not, but collect by private subscription. Belleville has been bearing the burden of the tax for years.

The motion of Mr. Vermilyea carried.

The special committee re the amendments to the Assessment Act, brought in the following recommendation.—

"Whereas it is desirable that non-resident lands should be charged for statute labor the same as resident lands;

"Resolved, that this council petition the Ontario Legislature to repeal sub section 3 of section 9, chap. 25, of 4 Edward VII., 1904 (page 212) an act respecting statute labor;

"Whereas we have reason to believe that certain telegraph and telephone companies are being exempted from proper assessment by having their wires strung on other companies' poles;

"Resolved, that section 14, clause 2, chap. 23, of 4 Edward VII., be amended by adding thereto,—"And when two or more companies shall be using the same poles, each company shall be liable for assessment at the rate set forth in this sub-section for a first seeond and each additional line, whether said companies are the owners of said poles or owned by some other company;

"Your committee would recommend that the delegation dealing with the Model School at Madoc interview the government re the above named changes in the Assessment Act."

The report was received and adopted

Mr. A. G. Bleecker spoke on the county roads and the expenditure during the year. Mr. B. Mallory, county treasurer, gave a detailed statement. During the year, $112,541.49 had been expended on county highways since Jan. 1911.

The report was adopted.

Moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Ketcheson, that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign and submit to the Minister of Public Works of the Province of Ontario the petition of the corporation of the county of Hastings, showing that during the period from January 1st, to Dec. 31st, 1911, there has been expended upon the county highway system the sum of $112,541.49, and requesting a grant of one-third that amount as provided by the Act to aid in the improvement of highways."—Carried.

Mr. Nugent, of Wollaston, spoke on the advisability of having the forestry deputation to Toronto visit Mr. J. Lockie Wilson with reference to the grants to fall fairs. The northern townships of Hastings and other counties receive grants in proportion to the prize list, while New Ontario fairs receive the grant in proportion to the amount expended on grounds and the prize list together. The northern townships of Old Ontario are in a similar situation to those in New Ontario, and should have the same treatment.

The by-laws passed at the various sessions were,—

A by-law to appoint County auditors. The blanks were filled in with the names of C. W. Thompson and W. C. Farley.

A by-law regulating the terms of county notes.

A by-law to assume part of McGill street 1756 feet in the village of Marmora as a county road.

A by-law to provide for the straightening and widening of the county road running south from the village of Frankford on the west side of the River Trent towards Glen Miller in the township of Sidney and for acquiring the necessary land for that purpose.

A by-law to grant permission to the Central Ontario Railway to cross the county road on the west side of the river Trent on lot 2 in the fourth concession of the township of Sidney with a spur line into the power house of the Sidney Electric Power Co., Ltd.

Mr. Hugh Howie's communication regarding an accident on the Tweed-Bridgewater road to his horse on Aug. 30th was taken up. He asked $20.75 for veterinary and livery expenses. The horse's knee was cut and stitches were required.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Newton, the account was ordered to be paid.

Mr. W. E. Tummon, chairman of the special committee on reforestration in the county of Hastings, presentd a report, adopting reforestration in a certain part of the county. After a great amount of discussion, in which nearly all members took part it was referred to ways and means committee.

A license was granted Mr. Hamilton of Madoc to act as auctioneer.

The clause of the report of the special committee on the hospital matter regarding the payments of quarterly grants of $100 to the hospital by the county council was passed in committee.

The report of the committee on ways and means rose and reported. The report was received and adopted.

Mr. Nugent moved, seconded by Mr. Farrell, that when the delegation goes to Toronto on the matter of reforestration, they interview the department of agriculture regarding the grants to the northern fairs.—Carried.

Mr. P. P. Clark gave notice that he would at the January session introduce a by-law to authorize the County of Hastings to acquire certain lands for the purpose of reforestration.

Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Newton, that the Clerk prepare a by-law authorizing the county to acquire certain lands for the purpose of reforestration, acco.ding to the statutes, and submit the same to the Minister of Agriculture for approval.—Carried.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Warden and other officials, and the Council adjourned.

Obituary

WILLIAM H. McMANUS

The news of the death of William H. McManus, which occurred at Pittsburg, Pa., on Nov. 29th, came as a great shock to his relatives and friends at Dunkerron. He had not enjoyed good health for some time but serious results were not anticipated. Acute kidney trouble followed by heart failure, was the immediate cause of death.

The Pittsburg Post of Nov. 30th contains the following regarding the late Mr. McManus:

"William H. McManus died last evening in his home 5816 Kentucky avenue, East End, after a brief illness of heart trouble. He was one of the best known life insurance agents in the State, and was considered one of the most successful writers of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, with which he had been connected for the past fifteen years. He was born at Dunkerron, Canada, and entered the business in Detroit, Mich., where he was first engaged with the Michigan Life Insurance Company. For the past fifteen years he has been a resident of this city, employed by the Equitable Company. Since April of this year he has been Superintendent of the agencies of that Company in West Virginia, with headquarters at Wheeling. It was while on a business trip that he became ill in Parkersburg, W. Va. He was brought home on Monday. Mr. McManus was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Mystic Shrine, and Knights Templar commandery, No. 1. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Myra Herron McManus; his father, John McManus, and a sister, Miss Anna McManus, both of Stirling, Ont., Can.: Thos. D., of Dunkerron, Can., and Fred McManus, of Detroit, Mich. Funeral service this evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Dr. J. Shane Nichols will have charge of the services."

The remains, accompanied by his widow and Mr. Ralph Wilson, brother-in-law, were conveyed to the residence of his brother, Mr. T. D. McManus, Maple Tree Farm, Dunkerron, Ont., the birthplace of deceased and home of his boyhood. The funeral took place on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, service being conducted in the Methodist Church, Dunkerron, by Rev. J. S. Humphreys, of Schomberg, who delivered a fitting discourse. The music rendered by the choir, and an appropriate solo by Miss Shaw were much appreciated by the family. Some beautiful floral offerings from the family and Pittsburg friends were on the casket. The friends who came from a distance, besides his widow, were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McManus, Mono Mills; Miss Annie McManus, Stirling; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fennell, Toronto; Mrs. Spurr, Aurora; Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Rennick, Bond Head, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stoddart, Cookstown.—Beeton World, Dec. 7th.

The Reward of Thrift

"There is nothing more admirable than thrift, and there is nothing more pitiable than when the accumulations of thrift are pocketed by the rapacious harpies who prey upon the small investor," says the Economist (Eng.)

It is therefore not only desirable but absolutely necessary that we should have some plan of investment under which we may by putting aside from week to week, or month to month, a portion of our earnings, make provision against the "rainy day," and this plan is afforded by the Canadian Government's Annuity Act, which was approved by members of both Houses of Parliament. The benefits to be derived from the purchase of a Government Annuity as a means of making provision for old age are, it may be said, far more bountiful than those which may be derived from any other safe investment, and far greater than the people have any idea of, simply for the reason that with every payment of Annuity is returned a portion of the purchase money together with compound interest at 4%. If the Annuitant lives the average number of years that he may be expected to live, according to mortality experience, he will receive back all that he paid in as well as the interest thereon. But this is not all. For should he survive this expectation the Annuity will not cease, but will go on until his death. It seems paradoxical that a man can use his principal without his income becoming less, but this is made possible under the Annuity system.

The age of five is the earliest age at which payments for the purchase of an Annuity can be begun, and the age of 55 has been fixed as the earliest age at which, except for invalidity or disability, an Annuity may begin, but the longer it is deferred, the larger, of course will be the amount received. For example, the payment of $1 a week by a man of 25 until he is 55, would give him an Annuity from the latter age of $258.28, payable quarterly; while if he continued paying until he was 60, his Annuity would be $397.36. In either case, if he died before the date fixed for the Annuity to begin, all his payments with compound interest at 3% would be refunded to his legal representatives. For a slightly increased payment the Annuity would be guaranteed for ten years certain, or for life, whichever would be the longer. Everyone should apply for information in regard to this most provident system of saving—a system, which, if adopted, will bring as its reward an old age of comfort, happiness, and dignity. Literature descriptive of its features, and tables showing the cost on different plans, may be obtained at the Post Office, or on application to the Superintendent of Annuities Ottawa, to whom letters go free of postage.

The Young Man's Chance

To be born well on a farm is a better heritage for a boy than to be the son of a millionaire. Impressionist sketches of two farm boys with life-like portraits, appear conspicuously in the Christmas number of "The Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine." What they have achieved from the humblest of beginnings, should be an incentive to every youth in Canada. Dr. Jas. W. Robertson and Dean L. H. Bailey, are rightly styled "Prophets of Country Life" in their respective lands. In the best sense of the term they are makers of their country, and to study their lives will help every son of the farm to make the best of himself. The sketches are written with a sympathetic touch, and from personal knowledge of two of the most outstanding men in the cause of agricultural education in America today. Then there are stories which reveal the achievements of farming in the different Provinces of Canada that should fill every reader with high hopes for the future. For stockmen, there is a rich treat in articles dealing with various classes of live stock, including poultry. The past has been a particularly good year with the demonstration orchard conducted by the "Farmer's Advocate"; and the records of its work and results, and also of the season of "Weldwood" (the farm undertaken early in 1911 by the paper for the benefit of its reabers) are alone worth the price of the publication to any farmer. John M. Gunn's study in national humor will set people laughing just as J. H. Griddale's article showing the economy of large implements will set them thinking. The Home Magazine features are superb, and the illustrations, both in color and black and white, are a revelation in modern journalistic art. The cover and a couple of pages within are beautifully executed in color. This splendid magazine goes as a Christmas gift to all readers of "The Farmer's Advocate," and while copies last, new subscribers will receive it free. Non-subscribers can obtain copies at 50 cents each, and as a Canadian holiday souvenir to a friend, it would be hard to find anything quite so useful and attractive. The address is The William Weld Co. Ltd,, London, Ont.

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PERSONALS.

Mr. Jesse Vandervoort moved to Trenton yesterday.

Miss Annie Clarke has been spending a few days in Toronto.

Miss Annie McManus has just returned from Dunkerron, Simcoe Co., where she has been attending the funeral of her brother, W. H. McManus, who died in Pittsburg, Pa., and whose remains were brought home. Interment took place on Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

St. Mark's Guild

St. Mark's Church Guild held their annual sale of work at the Bellview Hall on the 6th, ult. There was a large attendance and a most pleasant evening was spent.

The Rector opened the sale with a few remarks and after a prayer and the singing of the doxology a brisk business was begun. The Hall had been tastefully decorated and the stalls looked most attractive, Messrs. S. McComb, W. Webb and J. Webb having given their time in preparing the Hall for the evening. Mr. Jesse Barlow added much to the pleasure of the evening with his gramaphone. The various stalls and receipts were as follows:

Fancy Stall—Mrs. F. Baker, Mrs. T. Neil, Miss May Barlow—$17.50.

Apron Stall—Mrs. J. Webb, Mrs. J. Eastwood—$12.45.

Handkerchief Stall — Miss Mary Vance, Miss Ida Webb—$2.92.

Fish Pond—Miss T. Vance—$4.95

Candy Stall (homemade)—Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. S. McComb—$11.45.

Wool Stall—Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. D. McComb—$5.40.

Refreshments—Mrs. W. Webb, Mrs. J. McKeown, Mrs. J. Stiles—$5.26.

Admission at 5c., $8.45; contributions, $2.80. Total, $70.78, a most gratifying result, and all seemed delighted at the general work of the Guild. Messrs. J. F. Baker and Jesse Baker worked hard to get the refreshments supplied, while Mr. S. McComb and Mr. J. Webb, jr., looked after the interests of the Mission Fund.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—

GOING WEST.		GOING EAST.	
Mail & Ex...	6.03 a. m.	Passenger.	10.27 a. m
Passenger...	6.45 p. m.	Mail & Ex.	3.41 p. m

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY DEC. 14, 1911

LOCAL MATTERS.

The Public School examinations will take place on Thursday next, the 21st inst., to which the public are cordially invited.

There will be a Christmas Tree and Concert held at William's School, No. 4, Rawdon, on Wednesday, Dec. 20th.

Holiday Gifts that will please at Fred Ward's.

The young people of St. John's church are busily engaged practising for their christmas entertainment which promises to surpass any before given by them.

The price of sugar has been slightly reduced by wholesalers, a reduction of 10 cents per hundred being made. A still further reduction would be pleasing to consumers.

Remember the Box Social at Allan's School, Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 15th. A splendid program is being prepared, one feature of which is a scene showing results of "Women's Rights."

Biggest and Best display of Holiday Neckwear at Fred Ward's.

The Presbyterian Church Sabbath School will hold their annual entertainment on New Year's evening. A good program is being prepared. See posters next week for particulars.

The Stirling Grist Mill has now been fitted up again for work by its new proprietor, Mr. Robert Reid, and is now prepared to attend to the wants of the public. Give him a call. See advertisement in another column.

The Annual Christmas Tree in connection with St. Thomas' Church, 8th line, Rawdon, will be held on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 19th. An excellent program will be rendered, and lunch served. Admission 25c. and 15c.

Always useful—a Dressing Gown or Smoking Jacket from Fred Ward's.

A Christmas Tree and entertainment will be held at Salem Church, Minto, on Friday evening, Dec. 22nd, under the auspices of the Salem Sunday School. A good program has been arranged, and a first-class entertainment is promised. Admission 25c. and 15c.

The Stirling Methodist Sunday School will give their annual entertainment, Monday, Dec. 25th. The program is under the able direction of Miss Amy L. Doty, of London, and promises to be good in every particular. Seats—Ground floor, 25 and 35c., Plan of hall open at Morton's Drug Store, on Monday, Dec. 18th.

We have received a copy of a treatise on bovine tuberculosis which has been prepared especially for farmers, and others interested in live stock, by the International commission on the Control of Bovine Tuberculosis. Any person desiring a copy can obtain the same by making application to the Veterinary Director-General and Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa.

Sunday Morning Blaze

The citizens of Stirling were aroused at an early hour on Sunday morning by an alarm of fire, which had been discovered in some outbuildings at the rear of the Kirby hotel, between four and five o'clock. They were partially destroyed before the fire was subdued. Fortunately it was calm, and the fire was prevented from gaining an entrance to the main building, or to the Empire Block adjoining.

Lord Strathcona has promised $5,000 to the Y.M.C.A. building in Belleville, provided the balance of the $15,000 required is raised, so as to clear the building from debt.

Campbellford Herald: Several cases of typhoid fever have been reported during the past week. Mr. Thomas Cross, a victim of the disease, was sent to Belleville Hospital on Monday. It is thought that the disease is caused by impure water. The Board of Health has caused the water of some of the wells to be examined, and it has been found to contain typhoid bacilli.

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Before ordering trees, write us for our catalogue and prices or see our nearest agent. We are the largest growers of trees in Canada. Full line of Apple, Peach, Pear, Cherry and Plum trees. Our trees are noted for fine root system and largest growth. Our nurseries are patronized by the largest and most progressive fruit growers of Canada. Write for an agency.

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Sunday School Institute

The Sunday School Institute held in the Methodist Church on Monday was very poorly attended, the weather being most unfavorable, a heavy rain falling the greater part of the day and evening. There were very few present in the afternoon to hear the Rev. Mr. Farewell, the Associate Secretary for Sunday School work.

The inclement weather continued unabated throughout the evening, and the evening session was also attended by an exceedingly meagre audience. However, it was gratifying to see a larger number present than in the afternoon.

The meeting was opened with a hymn. Rev. Mr. Connell then offered prayer. After this Mr. Wight discussed the condition of the various departments of several local Sunday Schools upon this District, especially that of Stirling. A considerable improvement was found necessary in nearly every department of the Stirling School in order to bring it up to the required standard.

Following this, Miss Amy L. Doty, Directress of Sunday School Entertainments, who is training the members of the Stirling Methodist Sunday School for a Christmas concert, delivered some interesting remarks upon the necessity of correct pronunciation and distinct articulation by teachers of Primary classes; and also the misapprehension of the truth which is liable to occur when primary scholars are taught chiefly by the use of pictures. Miss Doty illustrated her remarks with amusing instances from her own experience.

Rev. Mr. Farewell then spoke. The following is an outline of his address. He declared that the present generation ought to be grateful for the privilege of living in the present age. In the first place because God wills it. In the second place because no other period in the history of the world has offered so many exceptional opportunities for the development of christian character and achievement of possibilities. No other age has demanded more unsparing sacrifice, more prayer, and more moral stability. No other age has given us so many ways and means of serving our fellow man. God is calling us. The world is calling us. The Church is calling us. This is the Golden Age.

Moreover, the present generation of young people is the greatest and most promising in the history of man. More tasks and problems are challenging the nations for solution. We need leaders to inspire the people to take up arms against these menacing evils; and these leaders must be taken from the rank and file of our Sunday Schools, and young people's Societies.

Mr. Farewell then enumerated the obligations required of us as Canadian Christian Citizens. In the first place, we must exercise self-control. Then we must rally round the home, and preserve its sacredness from depravity. Moreover, we must endeavor to cast from our minds all distinction between secular and spiritual. All things are spiritual.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Connell.

River Valley Women's Institute

The last regular meeting of the River Valley Branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Vandervoort on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 7th. The meeting opened with the singing of the "Maple Leaf."

The minutes of last meeting were then read and the roll called. There were thirty-four present.

A report of the Convention held in Toronto was read by Mrs. E. Morrow.

Music by Miss Goldie Rosebush. "The Pride of the Ball."

Recitation by Mrs. B. Hatfield, "A Motherless Maid and a Fatherless Fellow."

A song by Mrs. F. Vandervoort, "Silver Bell."

Mrs. B. Hoard, then gave some new ideas she had got by visiting the Wellman's Institute.

Mrs. J. Vandervoort gave a reading "Human Voice as a Pearl of great Price."

Music by Miss E. Morrow, "Trooping the Colors."

A reading by Mrs. M. Vandervoort, finished up the program for the afternoon. A very dainty lunch was then served by Mrs. Vandervoort. A collection was then taken for the Sick Children's Hospital. 80 cents was given. The next meeting will be a special meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Morrow, on the afternoon of Jan. 16th, 1912. Mrs. Watts, the delegate sent, will give an address besides the entertainment provided by the members. All ladies welcome.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 16.—At the residence of Mr. L. Descent, Front St., Stirling, a Horse, Buggy, Cutter, Bobsleighs, Harness and other articles. Sale at two o'clock, p.m. Wm. Rodgers, auctioneer.

Births

WARD—In Stirling, on November 18th, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ward, a daughter (Winnifred Marian).

Married

MARTIN-CLANCY—On Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 1911, at the parsonage, Stirling, by Rev. L. S. Wight, Mr. Harold C. Martin, of Stirling, and Miss Luella Pearl Clancy, daughter of Mr. C. U. Clancy, of Rawdon.

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Tenders

Sealed Tenders will be received up to one o'clock, Saturday, Dec. 23rd, 1911, for the manufacturing of Cheese for the season of 1912, in the Spring Brook Cheese Factory.

Also, state price per lb. for manufacturing whey butter, if arrangements are made to handle the same.

THOS. J. THOMPSON, Pres.,
Spring Brook, Ont.

Notice!

A special general meeting of the Shareholders of the Evergreen Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Company will be held at the Company's Factory on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1911, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and sanctioning the following By-laws, viz:—

1. A By-law passed Dec. 12th, 1911, for the increase of the capital stock of the said Company from $5.00 per share up to $5.50 per share.

2. Also a By-law passed Dec. 12th, 1911, for reducing the rates charged for manufacturing from 15 mills down to 12 mills per pound of cheese made.

By order of the Annual Meeting,
R. LANIGAN, President.

Elm Wanted

Good, sound, straight, Swamp Elm, cut 10 and 15 ft. long, wanted at Morgan's Mill, Spring Brook.

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For Sale

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Strayed

On or about the 21st of November, a Brood Sow, Berkshire, coming two years old. Any person giving information leading to her recovery will be suitably rewarded.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG,
—2w— Glen Ross.

Strayed

From Big Island, some time in November, a roan colored heifer, coming two years old. A notch cut of right ear. Any person giving information leading to its recovery will be suitably rewarded.

CHARLES BAILEY,
13-3w Glen Ross.

Plum Grove Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of the Plum Grove Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th, at 1 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers for the ensuing year, and any other business in connection with the company.

FRED FANNING,
President.

HAROLD CHEESE CO.

The annual meeting of the Harold Cheese Company will be held in the factory on Monday, Dec. 18th, at one o'clock, for election of officers, letting milk routes, and any other business in connection with the Company.

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Ladies' Kid Gloves, all sizes, both Dent's and Perrin's makes, at.....$1.00 to $1.75 per pr.

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Men's Dog-skin Gloves, lined and unlined, at.....$1.00 to $1.50 per pair

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Ladies' Collars, Belts, Ties, Etc.

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Here is your chance to buy a Christmas present for some one at a greatly reduced price. Think of it—half price! Ten dollar Coats for $5.00, and $18.00 Coats for $9.00, etc. There are only 25 Coats. Do not fail to come early and make sure of procuring one of these bargains.

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Fresh Dates, only.....10c.
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Walnuts and Almonds in shell, only.....20c. lb.
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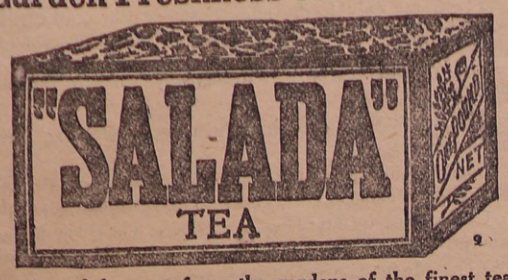

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CLOSE QUARTERS;

OR, THE HOUSE IN THE RUE BARBETTE

CHAPTER X.—(Cont'd)

La Belle Chasseuse was evidently in a hurry. She sped along at a surprising pace, until she reached a crossing where the rows of stalls and booths were temporarily suspended. At one corner stood a cab, and towards this vehicle she directed her steps. Before Brett quite realized what was happening, the door of the cab opened, mademoiselle jumped inside, and, as if he were waiting for her appearance, the driver whipped up his horse and drove off at a furious pace.

At that instant a small victoria with a sturdy pony in the shafts, which had just deposited a lively fare in the vicinity of the Moulin Rouge, drove along the street.

Brett sprang into it and said eagerly to the driver—

"Keep that cab in sight! I will pay you double fare!"

The man tightened his reins and raised his whip in prompt obedience to the order, when suddenly two men jumped into the vehicle from opposite sides, seized Brett and forced him down on to the seat, while one of them said to the astonished cabby—

"Take us at once to the Central Perfecture of Police."

The man recognized that these newcomers were not to be trifled with. Without a word or a question he rattled his horse across the stone pavement, and then Brett choking with rage at this interference at a supreme moment, realized that for some extraordinary reason he was a prisoner, and in the hands of a couple of detectives.

By this time the cab containing the lady had vanished, but the barrister made one despairing effort.

"For Heaven's sake," he said to his captors, "take me where you will, but first follow that cab and ascertain its destination."

"What cab?" demanded one of his guards sarcastically.

"The cab which I wished our driver to overtake at the moment when you pounced on me."

"This is a mere trick," broke in the other. "Don't bother about his cab. We have got him safe enough, and let the commissaire deal with him now."

"Listen to me," cried Brett. "You are making a frightful mistake. Your action at this moment may cause irretrievable delay and loss. If you will only do as I tell you—"

"Shut up," growled the first man, "or it will be worse for you. Your best plan is to keep a quiet tongue in your head."

It was not often that Brett lost his temper, but most certainly he lost it on this occasion. He was endowed with no small share of physical strength, and for an instant the wild notion came into his head that he might perhaps succeed in throwing the two dettctives into the roadway and then overpower the driver, taking charge of the vehicle himself and trusting to luck again to catch sight of the vanished lady and her companion, who, he doubted not, had awaited her arrival at the quiet corner where she joined him.

Unconsciously he must have given some premonition of this desperate scheme, for the two policemen tightened their grasp, forced his hands higher up his back, and bent his head forward until he was in danger of having either his neck or his shoulders dislocated.

"Will you keep quiet?" murmured the chief detective. "You cannot escape, and you are only making the affair more disastrous to yourself."

Then Brett realized that further resistance was hopeless. He managed to gurgle out that if they would allow him to assume a more comfortable attitude he would not trouble them any further.

Gingerly and cautiously the two men somewhat relaxed the strain, and he was able to breathe freely once more.

Then he laughed, but he could not help saying in English——

"The shadow of Scotland Yard falls on me even here. Porr old Winter, how I will roast him over this adventure!"

"What are you talking about?" demanded one of the men.

"I was only thinking aloud," replied Brett.

"And what were your thoughts?"

"Simply this, that the sooner I meet your remarkable astute commissary the better I shall be pleased."

CHAPTER XI.

The journey across Paris proceeded without further incident, until they reached the prefecture.

The two detectives hurried their prisoner into a large general office, where he was surveyed with some curiosity by the subordinates lounging near a huge fire, whilst one of their number reported his arrival. After a brief interval he was taken into an inner office. Behind a green baize-covered table was seated a sharp-looking man, whose face was chiefly composed of eyebrows, pince-nez, a hooked nose, and a furious imperiale.

"Your name?" he said sharply.

"Reginald Brett," was the reply.

The Frenchman required this to be spelt for him.

"Nationality?"

"English."

"Profession?"

"Barrister-at-law."

The official consulted a type-written document, which he selected from a mass of papers fastened by an India rubber band. Then he looked curiously at the prisoner.

"Are you sure this is the man?" he said to the senior detective.

"Quite positive, monsieur."

"Then take off his wig and get a towel, so that he may remove some of his make-up. The rascal should be an actor. I never saw a better disguise in my life."

Brett knew it was hopeless to attempt explanations at this stage. He readily fell in with their directions, and in a few seconds he stood revealed in something akin to his ordinary appearance.

Now, the French Commissary of Police was no fool. He was an adept at reading character, but he was certainly puzzled after a sharp scrutiny of Brett's clear-cut, intelligent features. Nevertheless, he knew that the criminal instinct is often allied with the most deceptive external appearances. So he turned to the detective, and said—

"Tell me, brifly, what happened?"

"In accordance with instructions, monsieur," the man replied. "Philippe and I ascertained the movements of the prisoner at the Grand Hotel. During the afternoon he received messages from London and from some persons in Paris, which documents are now probably in his possession. He quitted the hotel at eight o'clock, disguised as you have seen. He called for a moment at a house in the Rue du Chaussee d'Antin, the number of which we noted, and then made his way to the Cafe Noir in Montmartre. There we watched him from the door for nearly three hours. He feigned drunkenness, but held communication with no person."

"Ha!" cried the commissary. This struck him as an important point. He made a memorandum of it.

"Soon after eleven o'clock he rose hastily and quitted the cafe, crossed the Boulevard, and hailed a cab. We would have followed him, but there was no other vehicle in sight. As our instructions were to arrest him at any moment he seemed likely to elude us, we seized him. He struggled violently, and told us some story about his desire to follow another cab, which he said had disappeared. We saw no cab such as he described, and we treated his words as a mere device to abstract attention. We were right. A moment later he made an attempt to escape, and we were compelled to use considerable force to prevent him from being successful."

The commissary turned his eyes to the prisoner and was seemingly about to question him, when Brett said with a smile—

"Perhaps, monsieur, you will allow me to say a word or two."

"Certainly." The official knew that criminals generally implicated themselves when they commenced explaining matters.

"You are acting, I presume," said the barrister, "in obedience to reports received from London police with reference to the murder of four Turkish subjects at Albert Gate, and the theft of some valuable diamonds belonging to the Sultan?"

This calm summary of the facts seemed to disconcert the Frenchman. It astonished him considerably to find his prisoner thus indicating so clearly the nature of the charge to be brought against him.

"That may be so," he admitted.

"It is so," went on Brett; "and in this matter you are even more hopelessly idiotic than I took you to be. I have told you my name and profession. I am a friend of Mr. Talbot, the English gentleman who has been spirited away in connection with this crime, and I have in my pocket at this moment a letter from the British Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, authorizing me to use my best efforts towards elucidating the mystery and tracking the real criminals. Here is the letter," he continued, producing a document and laying it before the amazed official. Further, an inquiry made at the Grand Hotel will produce unquestionable testimony from the manager, who knows me, and from my friend, Lord Fairholme, who occupies rooms there at this moment."

"Lord Fairholme!" stuttered the official. "Why, that is the name given by the other prisoner."

"Do you mean to say you have arrested the Earl of Fairholme?" gasped Brett, struggling with an irresistible desire to laugh.

The Frenchman covered his confusion by growling an unintelligible order, and bent over the letter which Brett had given to him. In half a minute one of the detectives returned, and with him was Fairholme, on whose honest face indignation and astonishment struggled for mastery.

"Oh, surely that cannot be you, Brett!" cried his lordship, the moment he entered the room. "Well, of all the —— fools that ever lived, these French Johnnies take the cake. I suppose that they have spoiled the whole business! If the brutes had not taken me by surprise I would have knocked over a dozen of them before they arrested me."

"Silence!" shrieked the commissary, into whose mind was intruding the consciousness that he had committed an outrageous blunder.

"What did you say your name was?" he demanded fiercely.

"I told you my name an hour ago," said his lordship haughtily, "and if you had not been so beastly clever you would have believed me. I am the Earl of Fairholme, a fact that can be readily substantiated by dozens of people here in Paris, and this is Mr. Reginald Brett, a friend of mine, who would have probably discovered the mystery of my friend's disappearance and the whereabouts of those diamonds by this time if you had not interfered."

His lordship was hardly coherent, with annoyance, but the acute official had now convinced himself that a stupid mistake had been committed by his department.

He became apologetic and suave. He explained that their mysterious proceedings had to some extent committed them in the eyes of the police to secret knowledge of the crime which had so thoroughly aroused the detective departments in both London and Paris.

Evidently Scotland Yard had not advised the French police of Mr. Brett's official connection with the hunt for the murderers. The agents of the Paris Bureau had watched Brett's comings and goings during the day, and the detectives' suspicions, once aroused were intensified when his friend, Lord Fairholme, sought the aid of two uniformed policemen to break in the door of the Turkish residents in the Rue Barbette.

Even now, politely concluded the commissary, he would regretfully be compelled to detain them for a little while, until he verified their statements. Meanwhile they would not be subject to any further indignities, and might procure such refreshments as they desired. They would probably be set at liberty within a couple of hours.

(To be continued.)

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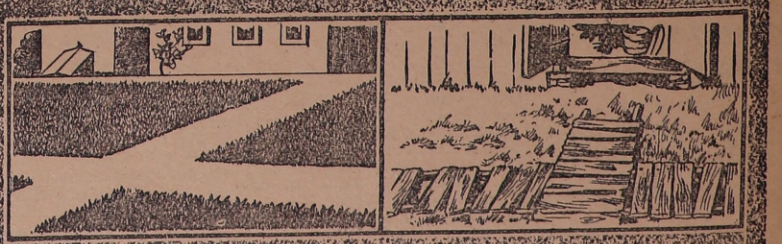

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INDIA ACCLAIMS THE KING

State Entry to Delhi Made Amidst Magnificent Surroundings.

A despatch from Delhi, says: George V., King of England and Emperor of India, and the Queen Empress made their State entry into the city on Thursday amidst magnificent spectacular surroundings and were cheered by thousands of natives. The most gorgeous part of the procession, which was several miles long, was made up of ruling princes, clad in shimmering silks, wearing priceless jewels and mounted on horses caparisoned with gold and silver trimmings. The Emperor rode alone on a magnificent charger and the Empress followed immediately behind in a State carriage drawn by six horses. The Sovereigns were delighted with the welcome accorded them.

The route to the camp was lined alternately by British and Indian regiments, under the command of Lieut.-General Sir J. Willcocks and General Sir E. G. Barrow. In providing guards of honor and escorts, native troops were also given an equal share with the British soldiers.

The King-Emperor and Queen-Empress were received on the elaborately decorated platform by the Viceroy and Vicereine, the Governors and heads of provinces, the commander-in-chief, and a number of high military and civil officials. After a series of presentations, their Majesties proceeded to a pavilion within a wall of the fort, where 150 ruling chiefs were introduced. Then began the great procession to the camp four miles away. Throughout India a holiday had been declared, and hordes of natives had gathered. They formed a striking background to the gorgeously uniformed procession, which was headed by Lancers with bands playing. Then came General Peyton, the herald, in silk and gold tabard emblazoned with the Royal coat-of-arms, and sixteen British and native trumpeters mounted on black chargers. Next followed the native escort of the Viceroy, in scarlet and gold, preceding the Imperial Cadet Corps, composed entirely of princes and their sons. Their Majesties' and the Viceroy's suits succeeded.

As their Majesties approached, the command to present arms was passed along the line of troops. European spectators took off their hats, and the natives bent deep towards the ground. The King, the Queen, and the Viceroy bowed right and left in acknowledgment.

The body guard of Indian princes, who followed immediately after, outshone in splendor all that had passed. In strict order of precedence came 150 maharajahs, rajahs, nawabs, and other chieftains. The column was closed by a band of savage-looking Afghan and Pathan chiefs, mounted on wild ponies, and a detachment of natives and British troops. Their Majesties and the Viceregal party then repaired to their camp, of which Circuit House, built by Lord Curzon in 1903, is the centre.

The Emperor's tent does not differ greatly in appearance from the others. Internally, however, it is palatial. Great canvas halls stand near by for official receptions and banquets.

About a quarter of a million persons have taken up their quarters in the canvas city, which is broken up by green lawns, polo grounds, fountains and avenues of trees.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

Ninety-fourth Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The Bank of Montreal has just completed 94 years of business in Canada, which in the history of a young country is no inconsiderable period. The 94th annual meeting was held on December 4th with President R. B. Angus in the chair. In many ways the meeting was one of the most memorable in the history of the bank owing to the fact that the net profits for the year were the largest on record, and that the retirement of Sir Edward Clouston as general manager was announced. Another feature of more than ordinary interest was the re-adjustment of the values of the bank premises. For years these were valued at $600,000, but a recent appraisal increased this to $4,000,000. The $3,400,000 thus secured was partly used in increasing the rest account, which now stands at a sum equal to the paid up capital, while the balance was carried to the profit and loss account.

The total assets of the bank now stand at $230,000,000, making it one of the strongest financial institutions on the continent. A more detailed examination of the report shows that the net profits for the year amounted to $2,276,518, as compared with $1,797,992 for the previous year. The balance of profit and loss carried forward for the present year was $1,855,185, or practically double the figures for 1910, which amounted to $961,789. Premiums on new bank stock issued by the bank during the year amounted to $365,677, while the re-adjustment of the bank premises account brought in an additional $3,400,000. Thus a total of slightly over $7,000,000 was made available for distribution this year, of which $1,440,000 was expended in dividends, $3,000,000 credited to the rest account and $708,000 to new premises account, leaving a balance of $1,855,000 to be carried forward as balance of profit and loss. A further examination of the report shows that the bank has deposits bearing interest of nearly $136,000,000, while its deposits not bearing interest amount to over $46,000,000. The amount of call and short loans in Great Britain and the United States consists of over $42,600,000, while the current loans and discounts in Canada and elsewhere amount to over $121,000,000. The latter shows an increase of over $9,000,000, which indicates that the bank continues to do its full share in furthering the development of the country, and that it continues to grow with the country. To call and short loans, which the bank keep in New York and London, while returning only a small rate of interest, is found to be a wise provision. The call of these loans placed in London and New York is far less disturbing to Canadian business than if they were on call in Canada.

Altogether the showing made by the Bank of Montreal is a very satisfactory one, and reflects the highest credit upon the directors and upon the general manager, who is now relinquishing the position, which he has held for so many years. His successor will be Mr. H. V. Meredith, who has been associated all his life with the bank whose affairs he will in future direct.

The address of President R. B. Angus was as usual a careful resume of the financial, commercial and industrial expansion of the Dominion. The Bank of Montreal, with its many branches scattered throughout the country and its intimate relationship with every phase of our national life, is able to present authoritative reports regarding the country's growth and development. Without exception, this year's report by the president was full of optimism. That this was not unfounded is shown by the bank's record for 1911, which was the most successful in the 94 years of its history.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

Montreal is Hedged in With Smallpox Cases.

A despatch from Montreal says: Dr. Pelletier of the Provincial Board of Health states that the smallpox situation in the Province is serious in the extreme, in some districts amounting to an epidemic. He declares that Montreal is literally hedged in with smallpox-stricken municipalities, and he is actively waging a vaccination campaign. In one small town close to Montreal, he says, there are thirty-nine cases in quarantine. The spread of the disease, he says, can be accounted for by the fact that it often appears first in a very mild form, and is either unnoticed or diagnosed as chickenpox. There is also a great deal of opposition in some of the outlying communities to vaccination, and the people live under very unsanitary conditions.

There was a glut of poultry at Brockville Fair and several farmers took their loads home again.

MAKING SAFE INVESTMENTS

"NET QUICK ASSETS" A MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE OF A BALANCE SHEET.

What Is Shown by a Critical Examination of an Industrial Company's Balance Sheet—What Constitute Quick Assets and Current Liabilities—Care Needed in Taking These Into Account—An Example.

The articles contributed by "Investor" are for the sole purpose of guiding prospective investors, and, if possible of saving them from losing money through placing it in "wild-cat" enterprises. The impartial and reliable character of the information may be relied upon. The writer of these articles and the publisher of this paper have no interests to serve in connection with this matter other than those of the reader.

(By Investor.)

When, as we noted last week, an industrial bond has behind it security in the form of land valuated at the amount of the mortgage, the bond has all the good points and practically none of the drawbacks of a sound real estate mortgage. Few bonds, however, attain this high rank as investments, and so it is necessary to consider other points before being able to pass upon the safety of the large majority of industrial issues.

Glance at the balance sheet of any industrial company—you will, of course, inspect this very important document before investing. You will see under the head of assets—usually in the following general order—accounts for "real estate and buildings," "machinery, tools, patterns, furniture, etc.," "patents, trademarks, good will, etc.," and, perhaps, some other similar accounts. You will also notice that usually these accounts are summed up and under liabilities in an opposite column. You will find accounts for "Capital stock, common and preferred;" "bonds," "mortgages," etc. The first are the fixed assets, the liabilities are usually known as capital liabilities. Below these accounts and usually separately summed up are what are known as the current assets which include accounts for such property as "stock on hand," "raw materials," "cash on hand and in banks," "accounts and bills receivable," etc., everything in short which can be quickly converted into cash. On the opposite side of the balance sheet may be seen "current liabilities," which comprise, "bills and accounts payable," including borrowed money, pay-rolls, interest and taxes accrued, but not due.

As one authority puts it, "The real strength of every industrial concern is to be learned from the figures relating to its current accounts. Property assets and capital liabilities are not of the same significance. If the cost of the plant and equipment, as shown by the books, exceeds its real value, the market usually makes the necessary adjustment by putting a price less than par on the company's bonds and stocks." No such process is possible in the case of the current accounts." Says the same authority: "If the current liabilities exceed the current assets the company shows a deficit, whatever its surplus may show on the books." On the other hand, should the company possess current assets—often called quick assets (i.e., readily convertible into cash)—in excess of its current liabilities, it possesses working capital equal to the difference between the two usual called "net quick assets."

Now these net quick assets are a most important feature of the balance sheet of an industrial company, for no matter how great its quick assets, if they are exceeded by the company's current liabilities, the company is in daily danger of being forced into liquidation. But one must be sure that what are taken in the balance sheet are really "quick" assets. Usually, this is a simple matter. Take again, for example, the unfortunate Amalgamated Asbestos Corporation. In its balance sheet, soon to be forthcoming, there will no doubt be shown "inventories and refined asbestos on hand" to a very considerable sum; but the fact that the market for asbestos is highly congested and, therefore, this asset could not be readily converted into cash, renders it no longer "quick." This fact could be readily ascertained by a prospective purchaser of asbestos bonds, were anyone so hardy as to consider them at present. So, leaving this account out of the comparison of current assets and current liabilities, it will be seen, when the balance sheet comes to light, that there is an excess of liabilities over assets—so much so that the bond interest due on December first has of necessity been defaulted.

Space forbids further consideration of this important question this week, and other significant points of net quick assets will be taken up next week.

DAIRY EXPERTS.

Resolutions Adopted Dealing With Conduct of Cheese Factories.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The convention of dairy experts recommended the grading and quality payment system for all cream-gathering creameries; the pasteurization of whey in all whey tanks at cheese factories; the pasteurization of all dairy products to improve the keeping qualities, and the use of balances or scales for weighing in the Babcock tests instead of reading the glasses, as is in common practice. Another resolution was drafted recommending payment of cheese factory patrons by the fat and casein test, but as some evidence was brought to light reflecting upon the present method of testing casein the resolution was left on the table for discussion at a future conference.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, $3.50, seaboard. Manitoba flours:—First patents, $5.50; second patents, $5, and strong bakers', $4.80, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, 81-07 1-2, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, $1.04 1-2, and No. 3, $1.00 1-2, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, new, 88c, high freights.

Peas—Good shipping peas, $1.10, outside.

Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario, outside at 43 to 43 1-2c, and of No. 3 at 42 to 42 1-2c; on track, Toronto, 46 to 46 1-2c; No. 2 Western Canada oats, 46 1-2c, and feed, 44 1-2c, Bay ports.

Barley—No. 3 extra, 65 to 67, outside; feed barley, 70 to 75c.

Corn—No. 3 American yellow quoted at 69c, Toronto freight.

Rye—Car lots in fair offer, with No. 2 at 91 to 92c, outside.

Buckwheat—60 to 63c, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $23 to $23.50, in bags, Toronto freights. Shorts, $25.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Winter stock, $3 to $4.50 per barrel.

Beans—Small lots on hand-picked, $2.30 to $2.35 per bush.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. Combs, $2.50 to $2.75.

Baled hay—No. 1 at $16 to $17, on track, and No. 2 at $14 to $14.50.

Baled straw—$7.50 to $8, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, in bags, $1.25 to $1.30, and out of store, $1.40 to $1.50.

Poultry—Wholesale price of dressed poultry:—Chickens, 12 to 13c per lb.; fowl, 9 to 11c; ducks, 12 to 14c; geese, 11 to 12c; turkeys, 18 to 20c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE.

Butter—Dairy, choice, in wrappers, 26 to 28c; store lots, 23 to 25c, and inferior, tubs, 17 to 18c. Creamery quoted at 30 to 31c for rolls, and 28 to 29c for solids, per lb.

Eggs—Strictly new-laid, 45c, delivered here, and fresh at 27 to 28c per dozen, in case lots.

Cheese—Large, 15 1-2c, and twins at 15 3-4c per lb.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 11 1-2 to 12c per lb, in case lots. Pork, short cut, $22.50; do., mess, $19.50 to $20. Hams—Medium to light, 16 to 16 1-2c; heavy, 14 to 14 1-2c; rolls, 10 3-4 to 11c; breakfast bacon, 16 to 17c; backs, 19 to 20c.

Lard—Tierces, 11 3-4c; tubs, 12c; pails, 12 1-4c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 48 to 48 1-2c; do., No. 3, 46 to 46 1-2c; extra No. 1 feed, 46 1-2 to 47c; No. 2 local white, 47c; No. 3 do., 46c; No. 4 do., 45c. Barley—Manitoba feed, 64c; malting, 96c to $1.00. Buckwheat—No. 2, 65 to 66c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.60; seconds, $5.10; strong bakers', $4.90; Winter patents, choice, $4.75 to $5; straight rollers, $4.25 to $4.40; do., bags, $1.95 to $2.05. Rolled oats—Barrels, $5.25; bags, 90 lbs., $2.50. Bran—$23. Shorts—$25. Middlings—$27 to $28. Mouillie—$29 to $34. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $14.50 to $15. Cheese—Finest Western, 14 1-8 to 14 3-4; Easterns, 13 7-8 to 14 1-4. Butter—Choicest creamery, 30 1-2 to 31c; seconds, 29 to 30c. Eggs—Fresh, 50c; selected, 28 to 29c; No. 1 stock, 24 1-2 to 25c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $1.25 to $1.27 1-2.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—Wheat—December, 99 7-8c to $1.00; May, $1.04 1-2 to $1.04 5-8; No. 1 hard, $1.01 7-8; No. 1 Northern, $1.01 3-8; to arrive, $1.00 5-8 to $1.01; No. 2 Northern, 99 to 99 3-8c; to arrive, 98 5-8 to 99c; No. 3 wheat, 94 to 96 3-8c. No. 3 yellow corn, 60c. No. 3 white oats, 45 to 46c. No. 2 rye, 87 to 87 1-2c. Bran, $23 to $23.50. Flour—First patents, $5 to $5.30; second patents, $4.60 to $4.90; first clears, $3.50 to $3.80; second clears, $2.40 to $2.70.

Buffalo, Dec. 12.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, carloads store, $1.07; Winter—No. 2 red, 99c; No. 3 red, 97c; No. 2 white, 99c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 64 1-2c; No. 4 yellow, 62 1-2c, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 51 1-2c; No. 3 white, 51c; No. 4 white, 50c. Barley — Malting, $1.18 to $1.25.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Butchers' cattle, choice, $6 to $6.10; do., medium, $4.50 to $5.50; do., common, $2.75 to $3.50; canners, $2 to $3.25; choice cows, $5.25 to $5.50; butchers' cattle, medium, $4.50 to $5; do., bulls, $3.75 to $4.25; milkers, choice, each, $75; do., common and medium, each, $50 to $60; springers, $30 to $40. Sheep, ewes, $3.75 to $4; bucks and culls, $3 to $3.50; lambs, $5.75 to $6; hogs, f.o.b., $6.50 to $6.75. Calves, $3 to $12.00.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—A few hand-picked steers sold around $5.30 and $6, but the general run of butcher cattle were a slow sale at around $5 to $5.40. Cows and bulls were also quoted 15 to 35c lower. Sheep, lambs and hogs were unchanged.

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THE DYNAMITERS' RING

The United States Government Is After the "Inner Circle."

A despatch from Los Angeles, Cal., says: Post-office inspectors are to take charge of the probing of the dynamiters' ring by the Federal Government. The reason for this is the fact, it is said, that the postal laws make possible the preparation of a stronger case than those governing interstate commerce. The use of the mails in plotting crime, which is a violation of the postal laws, will lay the foundation for the proceedings planned. The Federal probe into the dynamiting outrages which are alleged by the National Erectors' Association and the National Manufacturers' Association to have been the result of an "inner circle" within the ranks of organized labor promises to overshadow even the original McNamara cases within a few days.

McManigal's story is carefully guarded by the Burns men, and declared to be a chronological story of travel from one side of the country to another, leaving behind a trail of explosions. While some of McManigal's story has been told, the details, the Burns and Federal detectives say, will electrify the public. Meanwhile 500 secret service men have been placed at the disposal of Oscar Lawlor, special deputy attorney-general. Lawlor expects the indictment of a dozen San Francisco labor leaders.

FELL FROM HIGH ALTITUDE.

English Aviator and Passenger Killed in Yorkshire.

A despatch from London says: Hubert Oxley, the aviator, and a Mr. Weis, who was a passenger, were both killed at Filey in Yorkshire, on Wednesday. They were flying at a considerable height when the machine became unmanageable and fell to the ground. Death was instantaneous.

RUSSIAN MINT WRECK.

Two Killed and Forty Injured by Explosion of Gas.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The Imperial mint was wrecked on Wednesday, two employes were killed and 40 injured by an explosion of gas in the gold-testing department.

THE CHRISTMAS STAMP.

Archdeacon Cody Head of the Stamp Campaigning Committee.

At a meeting of the committee in Toronto, Archdeacon Cody was elected Chairman, and the work on behalf of the Free Hospital for Consumptives in Muskoka was commenced at once.

$11,000 was realized last year—a sufficient sum to care for forty free patients. It is hoped to largely increase the amount for this life-saving work.

The cut above is the design of the 1911 stamps, though the original is in three colors.

The stamp does not carry any mail—that is, it does not pay postage—but if you place it on your letter with the regular stamp it conveys the message of your good will and assistance.

Buy these stamps and help. They are one cent each. Write for them to Secretary-Treasurer Muskoka Free Hospital, 347 King St. W., Toronto.

AUSTRALIA'S HEADQUARTERS

Splendid Site Acquired in the Strand, London.

A despatch from London says: Australia has acquired the freehold of a magnificent site in the Strand, and intends to erect thereon at the cost of $1,820,000 a great building which will include an exhibition hall and the headquarters of the High Commissioner and of all the Australian States. New Zealand has been told by Australia that she will be welcome if she cares to come under the same roof. Meanwhile, The Morning Post is urging the importance of grouping the London offices of all the overseas dominions in one building, thereby making an Imperial centre in the Empire's capital.

BRITISH INSURANCE BILL

Third Reading Carried in the Commons by 324 Votes to 21.

A despatch from London says: Mr. Lloyd George's national insurance bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons on Wednesday night by a vote of 324 to 21. In return for a contribution of four-pence per week the insurance bill provides that the worker shall receive ninepence worth of benefits. These benefits are made possible by a contribution in aid from the employers and the State of eighty-five million dollars annually. The benefits include free medical attendance, two and a half dollars a week allowance for temporary sickness, a weekly payment of a dollar and a quarter for life in case of complete breakdown of health, free treatment for consumptives in a sanitarium, a sum of seven dollars towards the workman's wife in case of maternity, and aid for families deprived through the illness of the breadwinner of means of support. Provision is also made for unemployed benefit in precarious trades. After all these benefits are paid out there will still be available out of the jointly contributed funds a sum of ten million dollars, which will be allocated to approved friendly societies for such further benefits as the members thereof shall determine. The salaries and expenses of State officials will be borne by the Treasury, and the fund will be administered by the workmen themselves.

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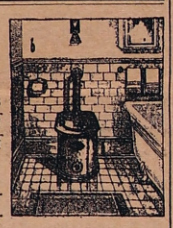

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Madoc Junction Items

We feel Eggleton church has been highly honored having two sermons from Rev. A. L. Brown of Foxboro last Sabbath. He preached in the afternoon on the timely theme of being true to our church, taking for his text "If I forget thee O Jerusalem let my right hand forget her cunning," etc. Space does not permit words to express the pleasure the sermon was to some who love their church and realize what a blessing the church is to the world to-day. The evening sermon was an earnest address on the importance of active, persistent work and prayer for the church here during the special meetings this week held by our pastor. He wished christians to have a prayer list for the unsaved here.

Last Friday was the occasion of a very pleasing event in the life history of Mr. and Mrs. John Juby when they celebrated their golden wedding. The dinner table was surrounded by members of the family, children and grandchildren, and a few old friends. They have the prayers and best wishes of a host of friends.

A very pleasant time was spent at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Barker by a few of their friends on Friday evening. A lunch of cake and sandwiches and other good things was served about midnight.

Last Wednesday evening Miss Lizzie Danford and Mr. George McMullen were married by Rev. Mr. Byers. Only relatives were present. The bride wore a dress of brown velvet with trimmings of gold lace. The Madoc Junction Band went up to serenade them during the evening. Congratulations.

A school concert will be given in the school house here a week from Friday night by the children.

LET EVERYONE USE CHRISTMAS STAMPS

The little Christmas Stamp, issued on behalf of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives, to help care for needy patients, serves, of course, a very practical purpose in providing a means of securing funds for this institution. But the educational value of millions of these stamps being put in circulation must not be overlooked. For this reason we urge our readers to put a one cent stamp on every letter and package that they will be mailing between now and the new year. Scatter abroad the good news that there is hope for the poor consumptive. With the stamps costing only one cent each, the door is open to everyone to have some part in this great campaign of stamping out consumption. In a decade the mortality in the Province of Ontario from tuberculosis has declined nearly forty per cent. Every buyer of a Christmas Stamp can help to further improve these conditions. A post card to the Secretary of the National Sanitarium Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto, will give all particulars. Write him to-day.

Canada's Lumber Argot.

The Canadian lumber industry will furnish the dictionary maker with a generous share of his swelling word totals, if it has not already done so, says The New York Post. Timber tracts across the border are divided into "limits" or "berths." The growing timber on a tract is a "stand," and the contents of a "stand" are measured in "feet," which means a board one foot square and one inch thick, and not a cubic foot. To survey a stand of timber is to "cruise" it, the man who does it is a "cruiser," and his report is a "cruise." Trees are "falled," and the man who has "falled" them is a "sawyer." For transportation by water logs are made up into rafts, but "rafting" means hauling a raft by tugs. The cross logs that bind the raft together are "swifters," and the intervals between the "swifters" are "sections." The Canadian equivalent for lumber-jack is "shanty-man." Going up to camp is going "up to the shanties." Land that has been burned is "brooly," that is to say, brule. Timber is frequently cut with four flat sides, but with part of the original circumference of the log left between the flat sides. This curve is the "wane," and the log so cut is a "waney log."

An Official Mystery.

Years ago, when Lord Anglesey was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, he said once of the Irish Secretary of that day, "Mr. Stanley and I do very well together as companions, but we differ so totally about Ireland that I never mention the subject to him." Just how they transacted official business remains a mystery.

They Might Disappear.

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NO OTHER LINIMENT
Could Do What Morriscy's Did, says Blacksmith.

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INTERESTING RECORDS

ONTARIO'S BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

The Hatches, Matches and Despatches of Province as Issued by the Registrar-General Show That Marriages Do Not Follow Religious Lines With Any Degree of Regularity—June Is Still the Wedding Month.

What the frivolous call "The hatches, matches and despatches record," for the Province of Ontario for 1910, which has been compiled by the Registrar-General's Department, and which this year has been placed in the printer's hands some months before the usual time, contains some interesting figures with regard to the vital statistics of the province.

During the year there were 55,871 births, 24,036 marriages, and 33,539 deaths, or 24.9, 10.7 and 14 per thousand of the population respectively for the 47 county municipalities in the province.

Of the 1,626 deaths from affections produced by external causes, 91 persons took their own lives by various methods, hanging being the favorite, 26.3 per cent. of that number selecting that means of exit from a weary world. Nine-five persons were poisoned accidentally, 43 were burned to death, 112 died from burns received, 33 died from gas poisoning, 266 were drowned, 64 accidentally shot, 209 were killed by motor cars, landslides and railways, 13 were frozen to death, 8 died from the effects of heat, 11 were killed by lightning, 18 by electric shock, 17 homicides took place, and the balance, 646, died from various accidental causes.

Old age was the cause of the death of 3,429 persons.

March was the favorite month for birth, there being 503 in that month. Of the children born throughout the year, 28,664 were males, and 27,207 females. There were 370 pairs of twins, 364 boys, and 376 girls. Triplets surprised the happy father in five cases, 9 boys and 6 girls.

June continues to hold favor with the bride, 3,555 of the 24,036 marriages being celebrated in the happy month. September and December following in the order named, with 2,653, and 2,304 marriages respectively.

There are two periods in a woman's life when her friends are vastly interested in her age—when she marries and when she dies.

The report of the Registrar-General for 1910 for the province goes rather deeply into some of these figures, and while all the secrets are not disclosed, yet there is some interesting information in its pages. With regard to the age at which persons marry it is of interest to learn, so far as Ontario is concerned, that men do not marry at a later date than women, although it is popularly thought otherwise, to any great extent. Last year 5,166 grooms, or about one-third of the total number, married between the ages of 20 and 24, while 47 per cent., or nearly one-half, the women who entered into the bonds of matrimony were between those ages. With both sexes the next greatest number married between the ages of 25 and 29, and then comes 30 and 34 for the grooms and 15 and 19 for the brides.

Under the age of 20, 253 men were married, one taking a bride who is in the 30 to 34 class, one selecting a lady who comes in the 35 to 39 group.

Fifteen women between the ages of 15 and 19 married men between 40 and 44, two become brides of men between 45 and 49, one married a man of over 55, and one a man over 60. Three women between 20 and 24 married men over 55, two men over 60, and one a man over 70, as did also one lady of between 25 and 29.

Cupid drives his bolt athwart denomination and convention. Just at the present time the question of mixed marriages is holding a certain amount of public attention, but many of the good people who discuss the matter of persons of different faiths marrying will be surprised to learn to what extent such marriages are contracted in the Province of Ontario.

From the mass of figures largely composing the annual report of the Registrar-General of the province for the year which came to an end on the 31st of December last, and which, owing to the number of complicated tables which have had to be prepared, will occupy the attention of the Government printers for many weeks yet, it appears that in one year alone people of differing denominations inter-married to an astonishing extent. Methodist maried Roman Catholics, Jews married Gentiles, while in many cases May wedded December.

Out of a total of 7,351 Roman Catholics no less than 1,509 married out of their denomination. There were 665 Catholic grooms who married non-Catholic brides, and 844 professed Catholic girls who became the brides of non-Catholic grooms. Of these marriages the large number were between Catholics and Anglicans, then came Presbyterians, Baptists and Lutherans in order, but rather strangely no marriage between a Roman Catholic and a member of the Salvation Army is recorded, while two Roman Catholic men married Jewesses, and five Roman Catholic ladies threw in their fate with as many Jews.

In addition to this two Jews married Anglicans, two Presbyterians, 6 Methodists, two Baptists, one a Congregationalist, and four persons who are described as being of no denomination. The Jewess ladies did not show such a variety of taste, but did exhibit a strong Anglican leaning, for of the seven who married out of their faith, five married Anglicans, and two Roman Catholic husbands.

Analyzing the tables still further it appears that 631 Presbyterian ladies married Anglicans, 841 Methodist, 126 Roman Catholics, 41 Congregationalists, 55 Lutherans, and the selections of 74 are not classified.

Fifty-seven Lutherans sought, and got, Anglican husbands, 71 Presbyterian, 78 Methodist, 85 Roman Catholic, one Hebrew, and one Salvationist.

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Wellman's News

One of the most successful entertainments ever given by the ladies of Wellman's Corners was that of Dec. 8th, it being under the auspices of the Women's Institute of that place. Everybody looked happy and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. The meeting opened with an address of welcome by the secretary, and closed with selling the boxes and the singing of "God Save the King." Receipts of the evening were $52.45.

Glen Ross

Mrs. S. Hubel is very ill, in fact her condition is considered quite serious.

Mrs. Frank Hubel has had rather a trying attack of blood poisoning. It seems that she accidentally cut herself with a knife which later developed into blood poisoning.

The young people of Carmel Sunday Schol are putting forth a great effort to make their entertainment a success. It will be held on Thursday night, the 21st day of December.

Mr. S. Hubel is able to be around now and is much improved.

Halloway

The annual Xmas Tree for the S. S. will be held on Wednesday night Dec. 20th. A good program is being prepared by the school, and Santa will distribute presents for many, and a book for each scholar.

The Halloway Cheese Company held their meeting on Thursday last. The same officials re-elected for next year. Opinions seem strong in favor of hog pens being built.

Miss Bessie Jose is in very poor health and Miss Etta Huff of Belleville is caring for her.

A rural mail delivery is being agitated for, and all will be pleased to have it installed, but an office and a mail route will be taken off if the system starts.

Miss Maude Bird spent the week end at Wallbridge.

Mr. Chas. Mullen, who has been absent for eighteen years is home from Macoun, Sask., with his family, to visit relatives here.

Miss Lawson is preparing her scholars for an Xmas programme on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 21st.

CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STAMP

The Campaign for 1911 is on, and Needy Consumptives all over Canada are Rejoicing

As Archdeacon Cody expressed it at a meeting of the Citizens' Christmas Stamp committee in Toronto, a few days ago, the Christmas Stamp, now issued each year in aid of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives, has become one of the institutions of the country.

Three years ago the movement was set on foot in Canada by the National Sanitarium Association, following the idea that first originated in Denmark, which was a year later taken up in the United States, and quickly spread to Canada.

The idea itself is very simple, though the results show how true it is that "great oaks from little acorns grow," $11,000.00 being realized from the sale of stamps in 1910, a sum sufficient to care for forty patients at the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives. This year it is hoped that $25,000.00 may be realized to assist in this great life saving work which is ever becoming more urgent.

The cut in the corner of this article shows the design of the stamp for 1911, though the original is in three colors.

This stamp does not carry any mail. One wants to remember this, though, as it has been epigrammatically expressed, any mail will carry it. The idea is for everyone to use this stamp in their correspondence between now and the end of the year. This plan will serve the two-fold purpose of helping to realize the $25,000.00 for the aid of needy consumptives, and will besides possess an educational value that can hardly be overestimated.

The stamps are on sale to-day in book stores, drug stores, and elsewhere in almost every town and city in Canada. Clergymen, Public School teachers, Sunday School teachers, Bible Class workers, Daughters of the Empire, and organizations of many different kinds are assisting in the work of spreading the sale of this little stamp. Each stamp costs only one cent, so that it becomes possible for everyone to have some part in this great battle against consumption.

We have every pleasure in urging our readers to make much use of this little messenger of healing for the next thirty days.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of $150.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and a cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

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Trent Valley Hockey League

The annual meeting of the Trent Valley Hockey League was held at Stirling, when the officers were elected and plans made for the season. Two Peterboro teams, the T. A. S., and All Saints Clubs were represented, the former by W. J. Grady, and D. McCabe and the latter by T. Moffat. The following officers were elected:—

Hon. Presidents—J. H. Burnham, M. P., Peterboro; Robt. Cook, M.P.P., Stirling; C. L. Owen, ex-M. P., Campbellford; E. A. Peck, M. P., Peterboro.

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President—W. H. Hubbell, Marmora.

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3rd Vice—W. Whitty, Stirling.

Sec. Treasurer—E. M. Gladney, Marmora.

Ex-Com.—One member from each team.

The following districts were arranged:

No. 1—T. A. S., All Saints, Campbellford, Havelock. D. McCabe, convener.

No. 2—Marmora, Madoc, Tweed, Stirling. W. Whitty, convener.

A Huge Christmas Mail

The British mail which arrived at Toronto on Saturday evening last was by far the largest ever received there.

Counting small parcels, more than 16,000 came to Toronto via the British mail. 12,112 of these were in what is known as the large class.

Last year the corresponding mail brought in 7,101 parcels, so that the large parcel mail almost doubled itself.

The declared value is estimated at £5,387 10s. 9d., or $26,938.

Everything imaginable in the parcels, but at least 5,000 Christmas puddings.

Altogether this Christmas Toronto has received about 8,000 Christmas puddings, besides slippers, jewellery, pies, shirts, teddy-bears, clocks, petticoats, shoes, ties, dolls, inumerable sweaters, ostrich feathers, handkerchiefs, china, everything to gladden the hearts of the recipients.

Eight Tons in Two Mails

Almost eight tons and a half of letters reached Toronto in two mails, via the Empress of Britain and Campania.

Newspapers periodicals etc., by the same mail totalled about 24 tons.

Approximately $10,000 has been received in Toronto by the British mail in money orders for Toronto citizens this Christmas season.

When one considers that 32 tons of newspaper periodical, and letter mail were handled between Saturday evening and Tuesday, and that 16,000 parcels have been disposed of, one can readily believe that every post office employee has been working long shifts, and the reason is apparent. Of course, only experienced men are competent to manage such an enormous rush of business satisfactorily.—Toronto Star.

Those who are quite satisfied sit still and do nothing. Those who are not quite satisfied are the sole benefactors of the world.

Premier Sifton, of Alberta, has introduced a bill in the Legislature which stipulates that within seven years the single tax principle shall be observed by all established municipalities, and that it shall be observed from the outset by municipalities hereafter established in Alberta.

At an enthusiastic meeting of Fruit Growers held at Brighton the Northumberland Fruit-Growers' Association was formed. Mr. R. B. Scripture, who was instrumental in organizing the Association, was appointed manager. This association will be one of the largest and strongest in Canada, and will probably pack more high-class winter apples than any other firm or association in the Dominion.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of $150.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and a cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

Harold

The teacher and pupils of school S. No. 17 gave a very successful concert on Dec. 20th. The able manner in which each pupil handled their separate acts showed the careful and efficient training of their teacher, Miss Matthews. The ladies of the section served lunch and coffee. Miss Matthews was called to the platform and the following address and presentation was made by Edith Frauts and Hilda Reid.

Dec. 20th, 1911

MISS M. E. MATTHEWS

Dear Teacher,

We, the pupils of S. S. No. 17, learned that you have resigned your position here.

For nearly three years you have labored in our behalf. By your patience and loving kindness you have set us an example which has endeared you to us all. We know, at times we have tried your patience sorely, and sincerely ask your forgiveness for our thoughtlessness.

We realize now how faithfully you have tried to discharge your every duty and therefore we cannot allow you to leave us without some small remembrance.

We ask you to accept this Ormola clock, and may it keep green in your memory the ones who will miss you so much.

We hope God will bless you in your new field of labor at Sine and trust that in future your path may be brighter and your labors lighter than you have found them here.

Signed on behalf of school,

MARJORIE MCGEE.
ROSS SCARLETT.

Madoc Junction Items

Mr. and Mrs. Fitchett spent Xmas with friends near Tweed.

Mr. and Mrs. Warden spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Juby at Shannonville.

Mrs. Bennett spent Xmas with her daughter in Belleville.

Mrs. Hattie Clarke spent Xmas with her danghter in Stirling.

Percy Eggleton, of Leslie, Sask., is home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eggleton.

Rev. E. A. Tonkin conducted the service here last Sabbath.

The stork on his rounds left a young son at Mr. Frank Stapley's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clarke and Miss Mildred spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Clarke, Peterboro.

Mrs. Wm. Clarke, Stirling, is visiting at Mr. Peter Reid's.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews spent Sunday in Bannockburn.

The public school concert on Friday night in the school house here was a decided success. Miss Hugo deserves credit for giving the [illegible] a chance to enjoy themselves and training them as she did. They were all delighted when Santa Claus arrived to unload the tree. "He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf," and the children will long remember Xmas of 1911.

At the last W. M. S. meeting here a collection was taken for the Sick Children's Hospital amounting to $3.55.

Those who spent Xmas with friends here are: Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Kennedy and Master Max, of Toronto; Miss Hattie Barker, Toronto; Mr. James Barker, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Picton; Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Campbellford.

A Very Pertinent Question.

An Irishman on his way home at night was in the habit of cutting through a cemetery in order to shorten the distance. A group of his friends evolved a scheme to have some fun at his expense. Accordingly they found a sunken grave across which his path lay, dug it out and covered it with boards in such a manner that he must fall into the yawning cavity.

The Irishman came along and everything happened as per schedule. While he was still squirming about in the bottom of the hole, striving to extricate himself, three or four of his friends, attired in white sheets and other ghostly accoutrements, suddenly made their appearance. Pat was frightened out of his wits and almost fainted when one of them said:

"What are you doing in my grave?"

The tone was sepulchral. It made the Irishman's hair stand almost on end, but he could not forego a witty retort.

"Faith, and what are you doing out of it?" he asked.

You will find that druggists everywhere speak well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take.

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H. R. BOULTON,
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STERLING HALL

May the New Year measure out to all increase of Happiness and Prosperity is the sincere wish of

Yours truly,

W. R. MATHER

LABORS FOR LEPERS.

Woodstock, Ont., Girl Receives Kaisr-i-Hind Medal.

Miss F. Isabelle Hatch, a Woodstock, Ont., girl, has charge of a leper colony at Ramachandrapuran, some 400 miles from Madras, India, between the mountains and the seacoast, on the Godavari River. Every seven years she gets a furlough and revisits her birthplace in Canada.

This year the Governor-General of India bestowed upon Miss Hatch the Kaisir-i-Hind silver medal in recognition of her many years of work among the outcast lepers of the Teluga district, which comprises some 30,000,000 people. Just before she sailed she was presented with a solid gold medal bearing on one side the inscription "F. I. Hatch, 1895-1911," and on the obverse, "From the Public of Ramachandrapuran."

Miss Hatch had been for many years in India when a visitor called attention to her native servant, who had been in her employ two years. She immediately took him to a physician, who diagnosed his case as "leprosy." The [illegible] admitted that his mother and sister had [illegible] lives for years because of the disease, and finally had drowned themselves to escape further ravage.

That was the start of the leper colony at Ramachandrapuran. Miss Hatch had no money—nothing but an abiding faith. Bit by bit the way opened. Land was given her, and helpers came. Much of the actual work and supervising she herself did. There now are several good buildings erected by people who desired to help in the work. The women's building is the gift of a woman who desired a memorial to her husband and could think of nothing more suitable than this home for those who are doomed to go about crying "Unclean, unclean."

"I would not have you think that life is all gloomy at the colony," said Miss Hatch.

The church is open for services each and every day, and there these unfortunate people may meet and talk of the things which interest them. I find employment for each one who is able to work. Some have garden plots which they cultivate; the men can always finds something to do around the buildings, and the women have their household tasks just the same as do other women. There is the laundry, the cooking, the sewing, and the hundred and one things I try to teach them."

A Bit of History.

More than half a century ago the old timers say that part of the country which is now known as the clay belt of Ontario was bald as the prairies. This was due, they tell us, to the country having been repeatedly swept by fierce forest fires. It was not long after, however, before another growth had sprung up, and the country was again completely covered with second growth tamarack, spruce, hemlock, birch, and poplar. So close together grew these young trees that there was no room for them to grow other than skyward. Up, up they shot in a mad race to keep in the sunlight. Taller and taller they grew, devoting all their strength to upward growth, and having but little to spare to add to their circumference. It was a case of the survival of the fittest, and millions upon millions of these saplings must have perished through being outstripped in the race and deprived of the heavenly light. The result is to-day a forest of poles, a thick jungle growth, almost limbless, and bearing foliage only on their topmost branches.

There is nothing appalling in the task this tall jungle growth presents to the axeman. In addition to the smallness of these tree trunks, the wood is, in most cases, soft (pulp wood), and easily cut into. The chief advantage of this peculiar growth however, lies in the fact that although the trees are of considerable height their roots scarce penetrate the clay below the moss. Consequently it is no great task to rid the land of the roots after the chopping has been done.

FOUND HURON VILLAGES.

New Chapter of Canadian History In Archives' Report.

A new chapter in Canadian history has been given by the Ontario Government in the report of the Bureau of Archives, just issued by Alexander Fraser, the Provincial Archivist. The volume is the record of an enquiry into the location and history of the villages of the Huron Indians. These were nearly all in what is now the County of Simcoe. For the first time their location, which has been a subject of controversy, has been definitely given.

The province is indebted to Rev. A. E. Jones, S.J., archivist of St. Mary's College, Montreal, for the information given in the bulky volume.

The report is a veritable mine of information and is the result of five years work of Rev. Father Jones in collaboration with Mr. Fraser. All the works extant have been drawn upon. Not only have the "Jesuit Relations" that had been published been quoted, but much of them is given that has never been published until now. Correspondence of the Jesuit [illegible] missionaries now in the possession of their descendants in France and Switzerland has also been secured.

Father Jones is not only the archivist of St. Mary's College, but has charge of the Jesuit records of both the North and South American continents. He has gone over the most of North Simcoe, and by actual calculation, having reference to the records, has definitely located the various villages. His maps are given in the report, as well as nine of the water color sketches of Father Martin, made in 1855.

A chronological and biographical record of the missionaries and mission centres year by year from 1615 to 1650 is given.

Letters and records of the period, both in the possession of Father Jones and Mr. Fraser, now see daylight for the first time. For over forty years Father Jones has been collecting and studying these old records and is regarded as one of the leading aboriginalists on the continent. He has applied the term Huronia to this department of research, and it is now the accepted term on the continent.

Sunken Logs.

On the shore of Lake Ontario, in the Bay of Quinte, the most peculiar lumbering operations in the country are now in progress.

Hundreds of logs of oak and black walnut, many of them 50 or more feet long, are being brought up from the bottom of the bay with grappling hooks operated by powerful engines and hoisting apparatus stationed on barges.

Some of the logs have been submerged over twenty-five years, but when brought to the surface are found to be in as perfect a state of preservation as the day they went to the bottom.

Forty years ago the shores of the Bay of Quinte were lined with great primeval forests of pine, oak and black walnut. The pine first attracted the lumbermen and was the timber really sought for, but every tree went down before the woodman's axe during the winter months.

In the ten or fifteen years required to denude the country of its forests the bottom of the bay and the adjacent coves became carpeted with logs that to-day are worth a high price.

It was not until this summer that plans were devised for raising the sunken logs. Divers were sent down to see if there were a sufficient number to make hoisting operations profitable. The reports brought up were so favorable that scows were equipped with the necessary machinery and the hoisting work is now in full swing.

Some days a scow or barge and its crew will bring up hundreds of dollars' worth of logs and on two different days the returns reached the $1,000 mark.

An investigation is now being made in several other rivers along the banks of which lumbering operations were conducted on a large scale years ago.

EVERY PLACE ON THE WIDE PRAIRIES

TELLS OF CURES MADE BY DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Thos. Griffin, of Peace River Landing, tells how he got rid of his Rheumatism — honestly earned popularity.

Cold Springs, Peace River Landing, Alta., Dec. 26 (Special)—Just why Dodd's Kidney Pills retain their wonderful popularity is easily shown by a trip across the prairies. Every town, village and post-office has at least one man or woman who is ready to tell of pains relieved and health restored by the great Canadian Kidney Remedy. Let Thos. Griffin of this place add his statement to the hosts already published.

"When I came to this part of the country," says Mr. Griffin, "I was troubled with a bad back and Rheumatism in my shoulders and hips. I sent for six boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and they gave me relief at once. I also recommended them to my eldest son who was confined to his bed from Rheumatism.

"Now I know that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best medicine for Rheumatism and the Kidneys. I recommend them to every person I hear complaining of not feeling well."

Dodd's Kidney Pills made their popularity by curing sick Kidneys. They keep their popularity by keeping on curing sick kidneys.

BITS FROM FAR BACK.

Many Odd Legacies We Have all Come Into.

Run your forefinger round the rim of each ear. You are almost sure to find in one of them, and quite possibly in both, a tiny hard lump. You mayn't have noticed it before, but it's there.

It's of no use whatever to you. It is only a relic of the days when, innumerable hundreds of centuries ago, man was only one of the animals of the wild, and had a pointed ear, like a wolf's or dog's. Sometimes, instead of the small, hard lump in the curving rim, there is a nick or point.

What good is the little furrow that runs down from the nose to the middle of the upper lip? None. But it, too, has a history. It is a legacy from the time when the human upper lip was in two parts—like that of the rat tribe. The split has healed up long ago, but the new skin is so recent in the history of the race that hair refuses to grow on that furrow.

Have you ever wondered why it is that the hair on the arms and legs runs downwards? Its direction was given it by untold centuries of rains and swimming. Man, scientists say, was once an amphibious animal, dwelling only on tidal shores, long before he took to inland forests.

When a fly settles on you anywhere, can you serenely twitch that patch of skin, and shake him off? Probably not; but once these old skin muscles, now almost dead, after centuries of clothes-wearing, were as active as those of a horse. A few—a very few people—can twitch their ears like a dog, and do so instinctively when startled, and cases do occasionally occur in which the scalp can be moved at will.

In one very interesting case mentioned in medical books, the man could hurl books a couple of yards away simply by twitching the muscles on the top of his head. But, generally speaking, our skin muscles are even more dead nowadays than our ear muscles. We've neglected them. The only set still in use are those we employ when we want to raise the eyebrows.

The appendix is another thing we could do quite well without. It is a relic from old vegetarian days. It has been workless ever since mankind started meat-eating, and is apt to get in the way.

The large intestine, too, is a thing we really don't need nowadays. The many coils of this long tube are, according to the doctors, quite unnecessary, now mankind has become a flesh-eating animal, and merely provide a resting-place for germs. Surgeons have often cut out a few odd coils, and stitched the ends together. We don't really need to carry a great intestine about with us.

Another of the legacies we have no use for is the tail. We have all got the rudiments of one, just at the base of the spine. In some newly-born babies it actually projects a few inches. Most babies, however, have only that very deep dimple that mothers say is so hard to wash.

This tail-mark, which is also quite perceptible in grown-ups, is in babies so vivid that it exactly resembles a freshly-healed wound, where a tail has been amputated.

Another thing we don't need much nowadays is the instinct to walk on hands and feet together. You think walking upright the only natural way for man? It isn't. If ever you have to make your way along some narrow plank or some narrow, dizzy mountain-ledge, you will find the old instinct strong in you.

Shiloh's Cure

QUICKLY STOPS COUGHS, CURES COLDS, HEALS THE THROAT AND LUNGS. 25 CENTS

Braggs—It is positively absurd to talk about a "money power" in this country. There is no such thing. Waggs—I'd just like to discuss that with you. Have you got a minute to spare? Braggs—Not a minute. I've got a note due at the bank and they're bothering me to death about it.

No one need endure the agony of corns with Holloway's Corn Cure at hand to remove them.

"You told him to diet himself," said the young doctor's wife. "Yes," replied the doctor. "I told him to eat only the very plainest food, and very little of that." "D[illegible] you think that will help him?" "It will help him to pay my bill."

When Your Eyes Need Care Try Murine Eye Remedy

No Smarting—Feels Fine—Acts Quickly. Try it for Red, Weak, Watery Eyes and Granulated Eyelids. Illustrated Book in each Package. MURINE is compounded by our Oculists—not a "Patent Medicine" but used in successful Physicians' Practice for many years. Now dedicated to the Public and sold by Druggists at 25c-50c per bottle. Murine Eye Salve in Aseptic Tubes, 25c-50c. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago

Never send a friend on a fool's errand. Go yourself.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

THE GREATEST DRINKER.

John Bull Has Got All Europe Beaten to a Finish.

Englishmen are the greatest drinkers of alcohol in Europe, according to a table compiled in Paris. The average John Bull consumes six quarts of wine and 152 quarts of beer, ale or stout peer year. The average German runs him not a very close second with seven quarts of wine, 6½ of brandy and 125 quarts of beer. The German figures are deceiving, however, as the Teutons of the larger towns like Berlin, Frankfort and Munich who are famous the world over for their capacity at table, are much heavier drinkers than the country Germans. Thus in Berlin the average inhabitant gets away with 200 quarts of beer a year, in Frankfort 432 quarts are necessary to assuage the thirst of the man in the street and in Munich the native are satisfied with nothing less than the remarkable total of 570 quarts a year.

The Dane drinks annually 104 quarts of beer, little or no wine, and 24 quarts of brandy; the Swede absorbs 56 quarts of beer and nine quarts of alcohol, while the Norwegian is content with 31 quarts of beer and three quarts of brandy. The Russian requires only five quarts of beer and five of brandy (vodko); the Frenchman must have 32 quarts of beer, 108 of wine, and ten of brandy. The Dutchman, 38 quarts of beer and 8½ of brandy; the Belgian 221 quarts of beer and nine quarts of alcohol. The Russian absorbs sixteen quarts of wine, 80 quarts of beer, and nearly 11½ of brandy. The Italian drinks little beer (scarcely two quarts), 98 quarts of wine, and 13 quarts of brandy; he is the least alcoholic of Europeans.

"Do you think your sister likes to have me come here, James?" "Rather. You bring her sweets and flowers." "I'm glad I can make her happy." "Yes; and the man she's engaged to don't mind it either, for it saves him that much money towards housekeeping."

Eczema Always Burning and Itching

Mr. N. Ostiguy.

Used Box of Cuticura Ointment and It Completely Disappeared.

"I have suffered from eczema for two years. The trouble began on one arm where there appeared a red spot of about a five-cent size, and it always widened, all the time itching and burning. The first days I didn't care, but seeing that it gained in size, I tried —— Ointment and —— Ointment, but both without success. It was always burning and itching. Having seen in the newspaper the advertisement of the Cuticura Remedies, I tried a little, and seeing that it improved, I bought a box of the Cuticura Ointment. After having used one box, my eczema completely disappeared. The Cuticura Ointment should be kept in every home." (Signed) N. Ostiguy, Marieville, Que., Jan. 14, 1911.

A Generation of Success

For more than a generation Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment have afforded the speediest and most economical treatment for itching, burning, scaly and bleeding skin and scalp humors, of young and old. A single set is often sufficient. Sold by druggists and dealers everywhere. For a liberal sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment, post-free with 32-p. book on skin eruptions, send to Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., sole props., 64 Columbus Ave., Boston, U. S. A.

Thousands Now Use This Low-Cost Cough Syrup

A Family Supply for 50c, Saving You $2—The Quickest, Best Thing You Ever Used, or Money Refunded.

The prompt and positive results given by this inexpensive cough medicine have caused it to be used in more homes in the U. S. and Canada than any other cough remedy. It gives instant relief, and will usually wipe out the most obstinate, deep-seated cough inside of 24 hours. It quickly succeeds, even in whooping cough and croup.

A 50-cent bottle of Pinex, when mixed with home-made sugar syrup, makes, 16 ounces—a family supply—of the most pleasant and effective cough remedy that money could buy, at a saving of $2. Easily prepared in five minutes—full directions in package.

Children take Pinex Cough Syrup willingly, because it tastes good. It stimulates the appetite, and is slightly laxative—both excellent features. Splendid for hoarseness, throat tickle, bronchitis, etc., and a prompt, successful remedy for incipient lung trouble.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of imported Norway White Pine extract and is rich in guaiacol and other natural healing pine elements. Simply mix it with sugar syrup or strained honey, in a 16-oz. bottle, and it is ready for use.

Pinex has often been imitated, but never successfully, for nothing else will produce the same results. The genuine is guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money refunded. Certificate of guarantee is wrapped in each package. Your druggist has Pinex or will gladly get it for you. If not, send to The Pinex Co., Toronto, Ont.

COMING.

First Graduate—I hear that you've got a job on the road.

Second Ditto—Yes, but it hasn't reached me yet.

They Cleanse While They Cure.—The vegetable compounds of which Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are composed, mainly dandelion and mandrake, clear the stomach and intestines of deleterious matter and restore the deranged organs to healthful action. Hence they are the best remedy for indigestion available to-day. A trial of them will establish the truth of this assertion and do more to convince the ailing than anything that can be written of these pills.

TOLD THE TRUTH.

"Old man Gudgeon says push was the thing that enabled him to become a millionaire."

"I guess he's right about that. He has pushed a lot of people to the wall."

I was cured of Rheumatic Gout by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
Halifax. ANDREW KING.

I was cured of Acute Bronchitis by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
[illegible] LT.-COL. C. CREWE-READ.

I was cured of Acute Rheumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
Markham, Ont. C. S. BILLING.
Lakefield, Que., Oct. 9, 1907.

SAME OLD THING.

Munny (the village banker) — What do you suppose the young fellows in ancient Rome did to pass the time?

Phunny (the village philosopher) —Oh, I don't know. I suppose they used to hang around and talk about what a punk town Rome was.

Rub it in for Lame Back.—A brisk rubbing with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil will cure lame back. The skin will immediately absorb the oil and it will penetrate the tissues and bring speedy relief. Try it and be convinced. As the liniment sinks in the pain comes out and there are ample grounds for saying that its touch is magical, as it is.

Man may be made of dust—but he always wants a little more.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, &c.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.

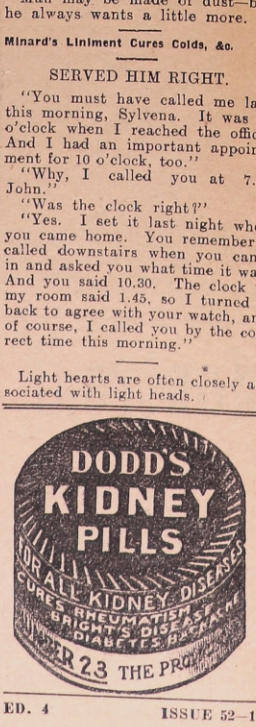
"You must have called me late this morning, Sylvena. It was 12 o'clock when I reached the office. And I had an important appointment for 10 o'clock, too."

"Why, I called you at 7.30 John."

"Was the clock right?"

"Yes. I set it last night when you came home. You remember I called downstairs when you came in and asked you what time it was. And you said 10.30. The clock in my room said 1.45, so I turned it back to agree with your watch, and of course, I called you by the correct time this morning."

Light hearts are often closely associated with light heads.



ELECTRICALLY CURED MEATS

Some time ago we described in these columns an electrical method of curing hams, which was discovered by a Cincinnati packer. He found that by introducing an alternating current through the pickling brine the hams could be cured in from 30 to 35 days, as against 90 to 100 of the ordinary method. A large plant in Cleveland, Ohio, is now curing meat by this progress. Ten 5,000-pound vats are in service. The current is furnished by a 100-kilowatt generating plant. The plant generates direct current for use in various capacities, and a portion of it is converted into alternating current by means of a rotary converter, to provide the energy used in the curing vats.—Popular Science.

THE UNION BANK A RECORD YEAR.

Head Office to be Moved to Winnipeg.

The Union Bank of Canada held its 47th annual meeting at the Head Office in Quebec on Monday, December the 18th, 1911. The meeting was a memorable one for several reasons. In the first place, the reports presented by the President and General Manager were the best in the bank's history and revealed the fact that several progressive steps had been taken during the year. At the meeting it was also decided to remove the Head Office from Quebec to Winnipeg. This was deemed a wise move, owing to the fact that out of its total of 242 branches the bank has 156 west of Lake Superior and 76 in Ontario, leaving only a comparatively few in the Provinces of Quebec and the Eastern Provinces. This decision on the part of the directors and shareholders to move the Head Office to Winnipeg is a recognition of the growing importance of the West.

The net profits for the year, after deducting expenses of management and making provision for all bad and doubtful debts, amounted to $662,437 as compared with $451,620 for the previous year. The earnings for 1911 were at the rate of 14 per cent. on the bank's average paid-up capital for the year. The premium on new stock issued amounted to $457,000, while the balance at credit of account on November 30th amounted to $80,000. These sums with the net earnings for the year made a total of $1,199,000 available for distribution. Of this large sum dividends absorbed $361,000, the sum of $200,000 was transferred to the rest account, as well as $457,000 transferred to the same account from premium on new stock, making a total transferred to the rest account of $657,000. The sum of $100,000 was written off bank premiums account and the officers' pension fund received $10,000 leaving a balance carried forward of $71,957.

A further examination of the report shows that the bank is making rapid progress in every department. The amount of notes in circulation increased during the year by $1,300,000, the total deposits by over $7,600,000, which now stands at $45,232,000. The paid up capital increased by $914,000 and the rest account by nearly $600,000. The total assets of the bank now stand at $58,434,000 as compared with $46,555,000 for the previous year. The increase in the bank's capital, deposits and assets puts it in a position to do a larger business during the coming year. These increases also show a gain in the confidence of the public.

During the year the Union Bank absorbed the United Empire Bank of Toronto, which had twelve branches in Ontario and a paid up capital of $559,000. Later in the year it established a branch in London, England, being one of the four Canadian banks having branches in Great Britain. Altogether the bank has been showing marked progress and enters upon the new year equipped to do even better work.

ONE CONSOLATION.

"Elmer, my boy," said the fond mother, "don't you think you have eaten enough of that chicken salad?"

"Well, mamma," replied Elmer, as he helped himself to another dishful, "if I get sick you'll know what's the matter with me, anyway."

The greater the irritation in the throat the more distressing the cough becomes. Coughing is the effort of Nature to expel this irritating substance from the air passages. Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup will heal the inflamed parts, which exude mucous, and restore them to a healthy state, the cough disappearing under the curative effects of the medicine. It is pleasant to the taste, and the price, 25 cents, is within the reach of all.

TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP.

"I hear that you have left Slogger and Co's office."

"Yes. I'm in business for myself now."

"What are you doing?"

"Looking for another job."

A man may easily mistake his prejudice for principle.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Ring out the old,
Ring in the new,
Ring out the false,
Ring in the true
And the Best of
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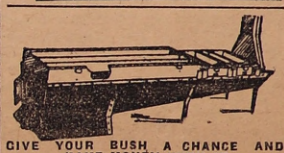

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GRAIN BLOCKADE IN WEST

Farmers Said to be Unable to Meet Their Current Obligations.

A despatch from Winnipeg, says: Voicing the demand of western Canada for relief from the burden of unjust railway rates, the Winnipeg Board of Trade declares the necessity of Parliament affirming by an act on the Dominion statute books the principle that the rates shall be no greater in the prairie Provinces than in Ontario and Quebec, unless it is proved that the costs of operation are greater in the west. The board expressed its relief that the costs of operation in the west are "no greater, if as great."

Searching investigation is demanded, with counsel "free from all railway corporation control," to be engaged by the Dominion Government to act with the board and other western interests. This formal action was taken at a representative meeting of the board and is the first gun of a determined campaign, for which Winnipeg business men have been quietly preparing for months.

The Railway Commission of Canada has been formally requested to take cognizance of and to take such action as may be necessary in connection with the car shortage in the western Provinces, which during the past two months has reached proportions resulting in a practical paralysis of business in some districts, and has meant a severe loss to farmers and business men. This action has been taken by the Board of Trade after the receipt of an exhaustive report from the special committee appointed some weeks ago to make inquiries and submit a report to the board. A letter has been forwarded to Chairman Mabee, in which the Board of Trade makes the flat charge that the railways have failed to fulfill their duties as common carriers, and the farmers of the west have been unable to market their grain, with the result that they are face to face with obligations they are unable to meet through no fault of their own. The congestion of grain, it is also charged, has resulted in the deterioration of the grade in transport. The board also submits that the railways have not made and are not preparing to make improvements sufficient to cope with the steadily increasing volume of traffic in the west.

Reports from many points in Saskatchewan still indicate an acute condition of affairs. The Outlook of Saskatchewan reports that the situation is unbearable, as the elevators are overflowing and the farmers' waggons are lined up in the streets and dozens of farmers with grain to market and bills to meet are in despair. Several points contiguous to Saskatoon report similar conditions.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

CANADA.

A publicity board has been formed for Norfolk county.

J. Graham fell down a mine shaft at Cobalt, five hundred feet, and was killed.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has taken over the Eastern Townships Bank.

Plans are under way to place the Ontario Government farms *under one head.*

The absorption of the Quebec Steamship Company by the R. & O. Company is being discussed.

Niagara fruit-growers ask for the appointment of a Provincial inspector to help fight the peach pests.

Berlin's municipally-owned street railway and lighting plants yielded increased profits on the year's operations.

The C.P.R. proposes to have its agricultural demonstration trains tour Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

Kenneth Kingston, an Ottawa civil engineer, was found dead on a trail in Saskatchewan. Foul play is suspected.

Jules Ploudre was sentenced to be hanged at Riviere du Loup, Quebec, on March 8th for the murder of Louis Dion.

The Canadian Northern extension to be built into the Peace River country is now within a few miles of Athabasca Landing.

It is reported at Brockville that Mr. F. H. Gutelius of the C. P. R. is to be appointed head of Government railways at a salary of $20,000.

J. D. Chilman and Joseph Acheson were committed for trial at Hamilton on the charge of robbing the Canadian Express Company of $8,578.

The plans of the C.N.R. at Montreal are said to include a tunnel under the mountain and a garden city between Outremont and Back River.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Twenty thousand workers are affected by the strike in Dundee.

John Bigelow, author and diplomat, died in his 95th year.

The United States Senate ratified President Taft's notice of the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with Russia.

GENERAL.

The Chinese Premier insists on a Monarchical form of government.

The Imperial delegate at the peace conference at Shanghai confesses it is too late to save the Manchu dynasty.

The great powers are lending their moral support towards an early termination of the war of revolution in China.

SIX LIVES FOR ONE.

Men Will be Executed in January for Murdering Woman.

A despatch from White Plains, N. Y., says: To the company of five men in the death house at Sing Sing prison awaiting electrocution in January for the murder and robbery of Mrs. Mary Hall, at Croton Lake last month a sixth has been added. This man is Salvadore di Marco, who was found guilty by a jury here on Tuesday of having participated in the killing of the woman.

CONSERVE PUBLIC HEALTH

Provincial Government Will Divide Ontario Into Districts.

A despatch from Toronto says: In order to take steps to provide better sanitary conditions throughout the province, as well as to prevent the pollution of waters and streams, the Provincial Government, it is understood, will so amend the Public Health Act at the next session of the Legislature as to provide for the appointment of seven Medical Health officers for the province, who will be assigned to different territory and put in complete charge of all sanitation and public health matters in their respective districts. These men will be paid good salaries, and the municipalities will be called upon to contribute. They all will be under the chief health officer for the province, Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, it is understood. The Health Act at present is under revision, and several other important changes may be made when the bill is considered by the Legislature.

TO THE MAN WITH **A LITTLE MONEY**

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PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, $3.45 to $3.50, seaboard. Manitoba flours: First patents, $5.50; second patents, $5, and strong bakers', $4.40, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern is quoted at $1.09, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, $1.06, and No. 3 at $1.02, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, 68 to 69c, outside.

Peas—Good shipping peas, $1.10, outside.

Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario, outside, at 43 1-2c to 44c, and of No. 3 at 42 to 42 1-2c; on track, Toronto, 46 to 46 1-2c; No. 2 Western Canada Oats, 47c, and feed, 45c, Bay ports.

Corn—No. 3 American yellow, 69 1-2c, Toronto freight.

Rye—93 to 94c, outside, for No. 2.

Buckwheat—61 to 62c, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $23.50, in bags, Toronto freights. Shorts, $25.00.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Winter stock, $3 to $4.50 per barrel.

Beans—Small lots of hand-picked, $2.30 to $2.35 per bushel.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. Combs, $2.50 to $2.75.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at $16 to $17, on track, and No. 2 at $14 to $14.50.

Baled Straw—$7.50 to $8, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, in bags, $1.30, and Delawares at $1.35. Out of store, $1.45 to $1.50.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry:—Chickens, 12 to 12 1-2c per lb; fowl, 8 to 10c; ducks, 12 to 13c; geese, 12 to 12 1-2c; turkeys, 19 to 20c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Butter—Dairy, choice, in wrappers, 27 to 29c; store lots, 23 to 25c; and inferior, tubs, 17 to 18c. Creamery quoted at 31 to 32c for rolls, and 29 to 30c for solids, per lb.

Eggs—Strictly new-laid, 45c, delivered here, and fresh at 27 to 28c per dozen, in case lots.

Cheese—Large, 15 1-2c, and twins at 15 3-4c per lb.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c per lb. in case lots. Pork, short cut, $22.50; do., mess, $19.50 to $20. Hams—Medium to light, 16 to 16 1-2c; heavy, 14 to 14 1-2c; rolls, 10 3-4 to 11c; breakfast bacon, 16 to 17c; backs, 19 to 20c.

Lard—Tierces, 11 3-4c; tubs, 12c; pails, 12 1-4c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Oats—Canadian Western No. 2, 47 1-2c; do., No. 3, 46c; do., extra No. 1 feed, 46 1-2c; do., No. 2 local white, 46c; No. 3 do., 45 1-2c; No. 4 do., 44 1-2c. Barley—Man. feed, 64c; malting, 96c to $1.00. Buckwheat, No. 2, 65 to 66c. Flour—Manitoba Spring patents, firsts, $5.60; do., seconds, $5.10; do., strong bakers', $4.90; Winter patents, choice, $4.75 to $5; straight rollers, $4.25 to $4.40; do., in bags, $1.95 to $2.05. Rolled oats—Barrels, $5; do., bags, 90 lbs., $2.37 1-2. Bran, $23. Shorts, $25. Middlings, $27 to $28. Mouillie, $29 to $34. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $15 to $15.50. Cheese—Finest westerns, 14 1-4 to 14 5-8c; do., finest easterns, 14 to 14 1-2c; Butter—Choicest creamery, 30 1-2 to 31 1-2c. do., seconds, 29 to 30c. Eggs—Fresh, 60 to 65c; do., selected, 30 to 31c; do., No. 1 stock, 26 to 27c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $1.25 to $1.27 1-2.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Dec. 26—Wheat—December, $1.02 7-8; May, $1.06 7-8; July, $1.07 3-4; No. 1 hard, $1.05 7-8; No. 1 Northern, $1.05 to $1.05 3-8; No. 2 Northern, $1.03 to $1.03 3-8; No. 3 wheat, $1.01 to $1.01 3-8. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 57 to 58c. Oats—No. 3 white, 45 to 45 1-2c. Rye—No. 2, 87 1-2 to 88 1-2c. Bran—$23 to $23.50. Flour—First patents, $5 to $5.30; second patents, $4.60 to $4.90; first clears, $3.50 to $3.85; second clears, $2.40 to $2.60.

Buffalo, Dec. 26.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, carloads, store $1.12 1-4; Winter, No. 2 red, $1.00; No. 3 red, 97c; No. 2 white, 99c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 66 1-2c; No. 4 yellow, 64 1-2c, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 52c; No. 3 white, 51 1-2c; No. 4 white, 50 1-2c. Barley—Malting, $1.18 to $1.25.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Butchers' cattle, choice, $6.25 to $6.35; do., medium, $4 to $5.50; do., common, $3.50 to $3.75; canners, $1.50 to $3.25; butchers' cattle, choice cows, $5.25 to $5.50; do., medium, $4.50 to $5; do., bulls, $4.50 to $5.50; milkers, choice, each, $75; do., common and medium, each, $50 to $60; springers, $30 to $40. Sheep—Ewes, $4 to $4.25; bucks and culls, $3.50 to $3.75; lambs, $5.75 to $6.35. Hogs—F.o.b., $7 to $7.25. Calves—$3 to $12.

ATTACKED BY COW.

Farmer's Daughter was Probably Fatally Injured.

A despatch from Kingston, says: Attacked by a cow, in a stable on her father's farm, Mary Sills, aged 14, daughter of Geo. Sills, McLean Post-office, Hinchinbrooke, was brought to the General Hospital on Wednesday suffering from internal injuries and her recovery is at present time doubtful.

POPULATION OF COUNTIES

21 In Ontario Show Increases And 27 Have Smaller Population

A despatch from Ottawa, says; An analysis of the census figures shows that 21 counties have increased their population to the following extent:—

Algoma, 30,234; Carlton, 4,005; Elgin, 730; Essex, 8,602; Haldimand, 333; Halton, 2,670; Lincoln, 4,913; Muskoka, 262; Nipissing, 45,832; Ontario, 598; Parry Sound, 1,604; Peel, 622; Peterborough, 4,659; Russell, 4,252; Simcoe, 2,747; Thunder Bay and Rainy River, 32,244; Waterloo, 10,011; Welland, 10,757; Wentworth, 7,816; York, including parts of the city of Toronto, 51,857.

There are 27 counties which show decreases, as follows:—

Brant, 988; Bruce, 8,895; Dufferin, 3,296; Dundas, 1,591; Durham, 1,155; Frontenac, 2,862; Glengarry, 852; Grenville, 3,476; Grey, 3,745; Hastings, 3,463; Huron, 8,806; Kent, 1,176; Lambton, 5,308; Lanark, 2,850; Leeds, 1,050; Lennox and Addington, 2,965; Middlesex, 3,961; Norfolk, 2,037; Northumberland, 652; Oxford, 1,042; Perth, 708; Prescott, 67; Prince Edward, 694; Renfrew, 863; Stormont, 2,263; Victoria, 2,003; Wellington, 1,154.

GROWTH OF PROVINCES.

The following shows the percentage increase of the various provinces, as revealed in the census figures:

	Per cent.
Canada	33.92
Alberta	412.35
British Columbia	88.38
Manitoba	78.62
New Brunswick	6.27
Nova Scotia	7.13
Ontario	15.54
Quebec	21.62
Saskatchewan	434.52

The following divisions show percentage decreases:

	Per cent.
Prince Edward Island	10.16
North-west Territory	21.85
Yukon Territory	171.60

MAKING SAFE INVESTMENTS

THE PERSONNEL OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT A MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION.

Net Earnings Must be Examined Over a Period of Years to Determine Whether Company is Going Ahead or Not — Should be About Double the Bond Interest.

The articles contributed by "Investor" are for the sole purpose of guiding prospective investors, and, if possible of saving them from losing money through placing it in "wild-cat" enterprises. The impartial and reliable character of the information may be relied upon. The writer of these articles and the publisher of this paper have no interests to serve in connection with this matter other than those of the reader.

(By "Investor.")

The last few articlues have dealt with the matter of safety of industrial bonds from what, for lack of a better term, we may call the physical side—features that can be learned from—or at least should be shown in—the balance sheet. There are two scarcely less important features, however, that must be looked into to complete the determination, not so much, perhaps, of the immediate safety of the bonds as the certainty of the interest, and the outlook for the future.

The first, is the question of "net earnings." On the proportion of net earnings to outstanding obligations depends to no small extent the strength of an industrial company. The figures of a number of years should be examined. Most advertisements of industrial bond offerings contain some such statement as this:—"The net earnings during the past five years average $———, which is over four times the bond interest." This statement is interesting, but the careful investor should enquire further. It would be much more valuable if the information were more complete. The net earnings for a number of years tells a very much more interesting—and instractive—story than the average for the same period. Take, for example, the earnings of the Wm. A. Rogers, Limited, which, by the way, has issued no bonds but is used merely for illustration.—

Profits	1906	were	$191,552
"	1907	"	195,650
"	1908	"	182,725
"	1909	"	301,466
"	1910	"	329,516

The average over this period is $240,181, which gives a very inadequate idea of the remarkable growth of the earnings. Note the small drop during 1908, the year in which the panic in the States caused a short falling off in the earnings of most Canadian industrials. All this information is most valuable, as it signifies a steady demand and a growing business, which indicates that fixed charges of a company similarly situated would be regularly met.

The proposition between fixed charges and net earnings should be carefully noted. Net earnings should equal about twice the bond interest, taxes and sinking fund, for a bond to receive favorable consideration as a safe investment, except under unusual circumstances, where the nature of the earnings are unusually steady, or the security unusually substantial. The nature of the product is important. A company producing an article of fluctuating or uncertain demand should not issue bonds. Opportunities for successful competition or substitution must be considered, and, if possible, bonds should be avoided.

A third point is management and control. Few questions are of greater importance in investigating the strength of an industrial company than the reputation and experience of the men in charge. As an American writing on this subject, puts it: "The ability and integrity of the men who control the policy of the company and the efficiency of the operating officials are the principal factors in the success of an industrial undertaking." Unquestionably, in the long run and in probably a majority of cases this is equally true in Canada, particularly in the case of small companies. Men with good reputation do not risk them lightly in acting as directors of hopeless industrial enterprises. When one sees the names on the list of officers of new companies the first thing the experienced investor or financial man does is to see—if the names are not familiar—on what other boards they act. If their previous affiliations have been successful there is much more reason to suppose the new venture will be so likewise. And management is almost as important. For example, the bonds of the Canada Bread Company would probably have had a cool reception from the public had not Mark Bredin, well-known as a successful manager of this sort of business in a large way, been announced as managing-director of the enterprise.

So much for the question of safety of industrial bonds. The reader may wonder what degree of safety attends to this class of investment. If it were possible to make a general statement, as in the case of municipals, this prolonged discussion would have been unnecessary. Industrial bonds vary in safety from a very high degree down. No general conclusions can be depended upon, and the investor is forced to consider each issue upon its own merits, but with the aid of the suggestions here given and his own common sense he need not approach the matter with misgiving.

MINERS MAY STRIKE.

British Federation to Take Vote on Stoppage of Work.

A despatch from London says: The Miners' Federation has decided to take a vote on the question of national stoppage of the work in the mines, based on the question of a minimum wage scale. If a two-thirds majority of the members of the federation vote to stop work the strike will be ordered for the end of February.

SPECIE SAVED FROM WRECK.

Rocket Apparatus Used in Landing Treasure From the Delhi.

A despatch from Tangier, Morocco, says: All the specie and bullion comprised in the cargo of the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Delhi, which was wrecked off Cape Spartel last week when the Princess Royal, the Duke of Fife, and their daughters were rescued with difficulty, were landed on Thursday by means of the rocket apparatus. The troops which were sent to guard the ship while the bullion and specie were still on board have been withdrawn.

COLLISION ON C. P. R.

Freight Crashed Into Standing Train West of Pembroke.

A despatch from North Bay says: A serious freight wreck occurred on Thursday night at 7 o'clock on the Canadian Pacific Railway thirty miles west of Pembroke. Two freight trains, which left North Bay about noon on Thursday, eastbound, came together in a rear-end collision near Bass Lake. The leading train had stopped for some purpose at the foot of the grade, and in the early evening darkness and by some evident mistake in backflagging, the second train thundered down grade and crashed into the standing train, wrecking the caboose and demolishing ten cars and the locomotive. Engineer William Packer, of North Bay, was badly injured, and Fireman McKay, of Chalk River, is reported to be so seriously injured that he may die.

HAS STRONG GRIP YET.

Governor of Halifax Prison at 82 Refuses to Retire.

A despatch from Halifax, N.S., says: The governor of the city prison in Halifax is 82 years of age. He has held the position for 32 years, but still refuses to retire, and the City Council is wrestling with the question of his removal. A committee has been holding an investigation into alleged ill-treatment of a prisoner, but they have reached no conclusion reflecting on him. They recommend that a change be made in the governorship of the institution on account of his age. It is considered unlikely that this report will be adopted, and the probability is that the octogenarian governor will hold on for some time yet.

In order to live a man must work—even if he only works somebody else.

Necessity is the mother of invention and matrimony is the mother of contention.

TRIP INTO UNGAVA WILDS

Gold-Seekers Will Attempt To Cross Territory Untrodden By Whites.

A despatch from Ottawa, says: News was received in Ottawa, from Frank W. Porter, one of the members of the Ungava gold expedition which left Dane, in the Nipissing mining district, on the overland trail about a month ago. The letter was posted at the last Hudson Bay post from which mail could be sent on the route of the gold-seekers. The party have with them provisions cufficient to last a them provisions sufficient to last a firearms, and expect to augment their supplies with what wild game they may be able to kill on the trail. The party is made up of eight experienced prospectors and explorers, several of whom have had experience in the Klondike, and who went into that country over the old Edmonton and White Pass trails. The party is headed by Will Donaldson of Cobalt, also a Klondike miner, and former manager of the City of Cobalt and Wyando mines at Cobalt.

Among old bushmen the trip is looked upon as an extremely hazardous one. The party will go over and into territory unexplored and supposedly untrodden by white men. This particular territory is almost totally uninhabited, except by a few roving tribes of Eskimos who give the white man a wide berth.

The letter was brought to the nearest postoffice by a party of Indian fur traders, and was written on December 2. All were well, the letter stated, and the party was to leave the post that afternoon to continue its way into the wilderness. With the Indians at the post the coming of the party was a big event. The members of the expedition are each equipped with furlined suits, with Capuchin coats, sealskin boots and leggings, etc., and are fully prepared for the hardships they will have to endure.

It transpires that the party, which is headed for the northeastern shores of Hudson Bay, is making the desperate trip to head off two American boats, which it is reported are out-fitting at Boston and New York to proceed to the placer grounds said to have been located by the Roy brothers, French-Canadian trappers, three years ago. One of the Roys is a member of the Donaldson party.

Honesty is in Demand

There are some clerical positions that honest men can't hold.

An honest man can't be a gambler's assistant, a swindler's confidential agent or the private secretary of a corrupt politician, for he will be required, in any one of these positions, to use his talent in furthering a dishonest enterprise.

But in the main, when a discharged employe of an ordinary mercantile house turns up with a cock and bull story about being discharged because he was unwilling to do dishonest things, it's a wise thing to begin to look around for the Limburger. There is something rotten elsewhere.

When a clerk is conspicuously successful in his work; when he goes at it like a left halfback making a tackle in an open field; when he comes into the office and leaps to his desk like a Bengal tiger; when his eyes sparkle and his face lights up with joy at a new piece of work, why bless you, the most dishonest employer outside of the penitentiary won't fire him for being square. He will find some other employee to do the dirty work.

Any good business man knows that the man who will steal for him will steal from him, and even dishonest men, who keep such human offal about them are mighty careful to select men of the other sort for places of high responsibility in their employ.

A thief can sometimes get employment from a thief—but not in any important capacity.

Of course there are exceptions, but in the main, sterling honesty does not cause men to lose their positions. Once show your employer that you are surprisingly and remarkably successful in your work, and a rival firm can't pry you loose from your job with a board, unless you prefer to leave it.

Fletcher's Principles

Years ago people ate more slowly than they do now, but now we have so much to do, and so much money (?) that most of us prefer to go with our lungs unexpanded and our stomachs crammed with food. The doctors give us medicine and charge us roundly to get us into shape ready to abuse ourselves again.

Not many years ago, a Mr. Fletcher decided that that wasn't a really good way to live. At forty years of age he found himself an old man, weighing something over 215 pounds though only five feet and a half tall.

He decided that there must be a reason, and he immediately set about to remedy it. After trying his theories upon himself until health, vigor and freedom from his old attacks of indigestion, and influenza were his reward, he began to tell others about it. Fletcherism is a sort of a joke with many, but it surely is a good idea, and one which everybody should put into practice, for there are few people who do not bolt their food and overload their stomachs.

Mr. Fletcher believes in getting the most out of his food. Chew it thoroughly until it is thoroughly salivated. If a liquid, sip it, and enjoy it as long as possible. Do not eat unless you are hungry.

Be happy when you eat. Do not let any gloomy thoughts or worries bother you at meal time. Eat until your hunger is satisfied, and then stop.

If one does not feel hungry at the regulation meal time, do not eat. Mr. Fletcher himself usually eats but two meals a day, but he does not say that everyone should follow his example in this regard, for he believes that every one should study his own individual ideas, and do as they indicate. Some people of course by their greater degree of labor or energy expended need more food to keep the body in working condition than those who follow a less strenuous existence.

It is all very simple, but we are such creatures of habit that it takes a whole lot of determination to brace up and say we will do it.

Mr. Fletcher has wrought a great change in himself. From his original weight he has cut off some 45 pounds, and he is able to stand all sorts of endurance tests. On his 50th birthday he rode about 200 miles on his wheel. He is in perfect health. If Fletcherism will produce perfect health let us all try it. We shall probably be benefited.—Farmers' Review.

Excuses Don't Count

The explanation of a failure is not equivalent to a success.

The back ranks are full of men and women, each of whom can tell you, with the correct narration of every detail, exactly why he has failed.

The boss was a cold-blooded, unappreciative fish; some Gossip started a scandal; the Head of the Department was incapable and jealous; the train missed connections; the Clerk at the Hotel forgot to wake him at 6.30; his Teachers were against him when he was a boy; a Political friend went back on him just before election; he was just ready to rent a store when another man put in the same line of business just across the street; and so on.

If you wish to prove the merits of an order, carry an excuse book and an order book and ask the boss at the end of the week which one he wishes to see.

And remember this too: there is scarcely a person who ever failed who cannot give you a reason for it which seems to him to be a good one.

Excuses don't count. They will be accepted if they are only occasional, but when they become chronic they lose what little value they ever had.

Learn to succeed. Educate yourself for success. Learn how to do the things that really make for success, and excuses will never be necessary.

Value of Honey Crop

Guelph, Canada, Dec. 16th, 1911

Dear Mr. Editor,

Do you know that the annual Honey Crop in Ontario is worth one and a half million dollars, and that from Point Pelee to Cobalt regions and farther north, ten thousand persons are engaged in producing it, keeping three hundred thousand hives of bees for the purpose? Even then I venture to say, not one quarter of the nectar secreted by Ontario flowers is ever utilized. And although honey prices are advancing every year, not one tenth of the honey is consumed in Ontario homes that our people are capable of eating.

Now how can this industry be developed? Mainly by the educational methods now being used by the Department of Agriculture. The successful organization work culminated last month in the biggest annual convention of beekeepers Toronto ever saw. The next event is a Bee Short Course at the Ontario Agricultural College, Jan. 9th to 20th, 1912. This course is free to all who are interested in bees, and every session from beginning to end will be full of information on the care of bees and how to make money from them.

During this course, Mr. Morley Pettit, Provincial Apiarist, will give a series of demonstrations and illustrated lectures covering all the main features of practical management in a way that will be helpful to experienced bee-keepers and beginners as well. Lectures will also be given on allied subjects by other members of the teaching staff, and a few expert bee specialists will be brought in from outside to tell how they have made a success of their special lines, such as the breeding of queen bees, the production of beeswax, etc.

Special time each day will be devoted to the discussion of practical topics by members of the class, and one whole day will be set aside for a Conference on Foul Brood.

Remember the dates—Jan. 9th-20th, 1912. No fees, no examination, reduced rates on railways.

For program and further information address—

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President O. A. College,
Guelph.

The revised figures of the census place Canada's population at 7,182,338, comprising 3,805,350 males and 3,376-937 females. The population of Hastings is as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Hastings East,	13,085	11,909	24,994
Hastings West,	15,446	15,338	30,834

Compared with the census of 1901, East Hastings has lost 2,949 in population, and West Hastings has lost but 514.

A quarter of a million people passed through the Union Station, Toronto, in the five days covering Christmas traffic. The Christmas mails at Toronto were from 70 to 80 per cent. heavier than last year.

Cigarette smoking in the Dominion during the fiscal year increased by forty per cent. as compared with the year previous. The cigarettes consumed in the Dominion during the past fiscal year amounted to 48,770 lbs. Ontario leads in the consumption of cigarettes. Quebec comes next, and British Columbia is third in the use of "coffin nails."

A Queer Reunion.

A reunion of four brothers, who had never been together before, was the happy event that was celebrated at the home of Thomas Simpson, 1047 Keele street, Toronto, recently. The brothers range in age from 54 to 62.

They are: Charles Simpson, 62, a farmer of Caradoc Township, near Strathroy; Thomas, 58, West Toronto; George, 56, a farmer living near Barrie, and Fred, 54, who has been living in Massachusetts and is going to Los Angeles to make his home.

They were all born at the corner of Queen and William streets, Toronto. Their father, George Simpson, who was a baker, died 51 years ago and the family separated. Charles and Fred had never seen each other till two years ago, and as Fred was going to California, this reunion was planned.

Rushing the Line.

The Canadian Northern line from Vegreville to Calgary has been graded and the track laying operations are being pushed forward with all speed, and will likely be completed early in 1912. At the present time the site is being cleared and preparations are being made for the erection of the new C.N.R station in Calgary, which will serve as the terminal point in the line.

Life In Persian Oases.

Dr. Sven Hedin, describing his overland journey to India across the Persian desert, gives a graphic account of the oases where his party occasionally camped under palm trees. There the singing birds which twitter during the day are silent at night, but the "song of the desert" is continued during the hours of darkness by the melancholy serenade of the jackals. These oases are infested by three objectionable and dangerous inhabitants—a deadly snake, black and white scorpions and a poisonous tarantula spider, which, although it lives out in the desert, is attracted to the oases by the light of the campfires.

THE XMAS HOLIDAYS

AT THE GOLDEN LION FUR STORE

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The joys of Xmas time I should call an inspiration divine for all people, poor and rich. We and our country at peace with the world to-day.

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May the coming year of 1912 bring joy and happiness to all is the wish of the proprietor of the GOLDEN LION FUR STORE.

JAS. BOLDRICK.

We wish our many Customers and Friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STAMP

The Campaign for 1911 is on, and Needy Consumptives all over Canada are Rejoicing

As Archdeacon Cody expressed it at a meeting of the Citizens' Christmas Stamp Committee in Toronto, a few days ago, the Christmas Stamp, now issued each year in aid of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives, has become one of the institutions of the country.

Three years ago the movement was set on foot in Canada by the National Sanitarium Association, following the idea that first originated in Denmark, which was a year later taken up in the United States, and quickly spread to Canada.

The idea itself is very simple, though the results show how true it is that "great oaks from little acorns grow," $11,000.00 being realized from the sale of stamps in 1910, a sum sufficient to care for forty patients at the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives. This year it is hoped that $25,000.00 may be realized to assist in this great life-saving work which is ever becoming more urgent.

The cut in the corner of this article shows the design of the stamp for 1911, though the original is in three colors.

This stamp does not carry any mail. One wants to remember this, though, as it has been epigrammatically expressed, any mail will carry it. The idea is for everyone to use this stamp in their correspondence between now and the end of the year. This plan will serve the two-fold purpose of helping to realize the $25,000.00 for the aid of needy consumptives, and will besides possess an educational value that can hardly be overestimated.

The stamps are on sale to-day in book stores, drug stores, and elsewhere in almost every town and city in Canada. Clergymen, Public School teachers, Sunday School teachers, Bible Class workers, Daughters of the Empire, and organizations of many different kinds are assisting in the work of spreading the sale of this little stamp. Each stamp costs only one cent, so that it becomes possible for everyone to have some part in this great battle against consumption.

We have every pleasure in urging our readers to make much use of this little messenger of healing for the next thirty days.

IMPORTANT MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Leading Canadian Physicians Become Consultants to the Muskoka Sanatoriums

The trustees of the National Sanitarium Association have announced to the Medical Profession in Canada that they have appointed Dr. W. P. Caven, Dr. J. T. Fotheringham, Dr. H. B. Anderson and Dr. Harold Parsons consultants to the Muskoka Cottage Sanatorium and the Muskoka Free Hospital. These well-known physicians will spend a day regularly once a month at the Muskoka Homes. The visits of Dr. Parsons, who has charge of the tuberculosis clinic at the Toronto General Hospital, will be made every two months.

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THE BRAIN IN SLEEP.

Changes In the Volume of Blood Circulation When We Dream.

Dreams are due to an increase of sensation and circulation over that which exists in profound sleep. Observations made upon patients with cranial defects show that when we are dreaming the brain is greater in volume than in deep sleep and less than when we are awake. Thus this intermediate volume of blood would indicate that dreams are an intermediate stage between unconsciousness and wakefulness, and their incomplete and irregular intelligence would indicate the same thing. This increased circulation is usually due to sensory stimulation affecting the vasomotor center and causing a return of blood to the head, with resultant increased consciousness.

Contrary to popular belief, dreams in themselves do not contribute to light or broken sleep in which they are present. Such a condition is due to the ever present stimuli, which according to their strength or the degree of irritability of the cells, maintain even in sleep a varying degree of consciousness of which the dreams are merely a manifestation. Therefore the fatiguing effect often also attributed to dreams is not due to them, but to the lighter degree of sleep and less complete cell restoration which they accompany and which are due to some irritation.—Atlantic.

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FUNERAL TORTURE.

Ways of the Wives When a Bororo Indian Dies.

On the death of a Bororo Indian the wife tears out handfuls of her hair and throws it on his corpse, says a writer in the July Wide World Magazine. At intervals during the first day after his death she shakes him, as though wishing to bring him back to life, and kisses his cold brow. Her efforts beng in vain, she retires and the Baire approaches. He proclaims that the man has died for the sins he committed during his life. Then the relatives paint his body with "urucu," an ointment made out of the root of a wild tropical plant. Gorgeous feathers of the most varied hues are then strewn over him, and the corpse is wrapped up in a matting of straw. The moment before the burial the wives approach one after the other and cover his feet with the blood dropping from the wounds and gashes they have inflicted on their backs and arms.

This ceremony is followed by another. Three Indians appear dressed in the clothes—if the few rags they wear can be called thus—of the dead man and begin singing and dancing. In the meantime the corpse is carried to the "Babyto," a huge mound in the center of the colony, and should the dancing and singing Indians become tired before it is reached three others take their places. The body lies on the mound three days. Then the Baire goes to the mound and, seating himself at the foot of the dead man, is supposed to receive his soul in keeping.

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PERSONALS.

Miss Hazel Reynolds is spending the vacation at home.

Mr. W. E. Laycock, Montreal, was in town on Monday.

Miss Ehna Watts, Toronto, is spending a few days in town.

Mr. Percy Reynolds, Detroit, is spending a week in town.

Mr. R. A. Patterson, Bancroft, is home during the holidays.

Miss M. Nolan is spending the week at her home in Napanee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Montgomery spent Christmas in Lakefield.

Mrs. Annie Arthurs spent Christmas with friends in Kingston.

Mrs. A. McCutcheon and Miss Evelyn are visiting friends in Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Girdwood, North Bay, are vacation guests of his parents.

Miss B. E. Mosher, of Cannington, is spending the vacation at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Williams, Master Alex and Miss Lucy spent Christmas in Norwood.

Messrs. Donald and Hume Bissonnette are spending the holidays under the parental roof.

Miss Nina Demill, Belleville, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Demill.

Mrs. H. S. Ferguson and Miss Florence are spending the vacation with friends in Kingston.

Miss Grace Dobson, who is attending Peterboro Business College, spent Christmas at home.

Mr. Frank Zwick, who is attending Victoria University, Toronto, is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Knapp, of Bloomfield, were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Martin.

Mr. Duncan Montgomery, of Belleville, spent Christmas at Stirling with his parents and other friends.

Mrs. J. Down and daughter, Vera, of Cereal, Alta., is visiting at the home of her father, Mr. Manford Tucker.

Miss Edna Eggleton is spending the Christmas holidays with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Eggleton, of Hamilton.

Mr. Robert and Miss Candace Jones, of Philadelphia, are spending the vacation with Mrs. R. B. Jones and other friends of this place.

Mrs. German and two children are guests of her sister, Mrs. L. S. Wight. Mr. German also spent Christmas at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrne Black, Napanee, and Messrs. Harry and John M. Black, Montreal, were Christmas guests of Mrs. J. S. Black.

Mr. Mason Thorpe, of Brinston, and his daughter, Pearl, and son, Stanley, also Mr. Ernie Scott, of Heckston, spent Christmas at Mr. Mark Tucker's.

DEC. 28

Two days yet to purchase New Year gifts.

We have still a few suggestions suitable.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—

GOING WEST.		GOING EAST.	
Mail & Ex.	6.03 a. m.	Passenger	10.27 a. m
Passenger	6.45 p. m.	Mail & Ex.	3.41 p. m

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY DEC. 28, 1911

LOCAL MATTERS.

Don't fail to hear H. Burt Lloyd's "Finnegan's Band" New Year's night at the Opera House.

On Christmas Day the congregation of St, John's Church presented their rector with an address of appreciation of his work during the past year, together with a purse containing $58.25.

It will be a rare treat to hear the sweet singer, Miss Ethel Drinkwater, of Toronto, at the Opera House New Year's night.

Don't forget Friday, January 12th. River Valley Sunday School intend holding a concert on the evening of that day. Program will consist of dialogues, drills, recitations and music. Don't forget—January 12th.

With the array of talent secured for the Presbyterian Sunday School entertainment on New Year's night it should be the best of anything yet appearing on a Stirling Opera stage. Secure your tickets early.

The value of a paper is tested by the quaiity of its circulation and judged from this standpoint The Weekly Sun occupies the foremost place. Each week it enters the homes of the most advanced farmers in this Province. The Weekly Sun on the table is the sign of progress on the farm.

"Burt Lloyd made a lasting hit with 'Finnegan's Band' and had to respond to several encores."—Dundas Banner.

A free short course for bee-keepers will be held at the Agricultural College, Guelph, from Jan. 9th to the 20th, 1912. Demonstrations and illustrated lectures covering all the main features of practical management of bees. Program can be had from G. C. Creelman, L. L. D., Guelph.

Come to the Opera House on New Year's night and hear Miss Madge McConnell, one of Toronto's leading elocutionists.

A New Year Concert will be held at West Huntingdon Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, Jan. 3rd. An excellent program of choruses, drills, music, etc., is being prepared, and the services of Miss Jessie Tuitte, elocutionist, of Belleville have been secured. Admission 25c. and 15c.

Don't forget that Friday evening, Dec. 29th, is the date set for St. John's Church concert. "The Deacon's Second Wife" is a play that will afford lots of laughter. Come along and bring your friends for an evening's amusement. Door open at 7.15. General admission 25c., reserved seats 35c. For further information see posters.

The parties who broke the pane of glass in my shop window on Sunday night last will please call and settle for the same and save further trouble as their names are well known.

T. H. McKEE.

Fire at Frankford

Last night, about 9 o'clock fire broke out in the sheds at the rear of Sweetman's Hotel Frankford, and fanned by the strong wind which blew at the time swept east along the south side of front street as far as the Grist Mill, west as far as the Telephone office, and south as far as the sheds adjoining the Brennan House. Fortunately the Grist Mill, the Telephone office and the Brennan House were saved, but we are told, that all within these boundaries was destroyed, including several horses. By means of the bucket brigade the fire was extinguished about 12.30 p.m.

Methodist Church Concert

The Methodist Sunday School concert held on Christmas evening was a grand success iu every respect. The weather was favorable and the hall was crowded. The preparation of the of the programme had been under the direction of Miss Amy L. Doty, of London, Ont., who makes a specialty of directing Sunday School entertainments. That she is thoroughly competent for the work, the brilliant success of the concert plainly testified. Every number was excellent and well rendered, and elicited frequent bursts of applause. Perhaps the most spectacular if not the most popular numbers were the symbol drill and the illustrated hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," rendered by 16 young ladies. The young ladies were arrayed in flowing gowns of white, trimmed with glittering roseates of silvery tinsel. The ever-varying figures of the drills were exceedingly pretty, and the different poses in "Lead Kindly Light" were also beautiful. Proceeds were $130.

Let the idle young men go to work on farms, and quit seeking third and fourth rate clerkships. In short, go to farming and quit begging.

Village Nominations

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of Stirling was held at the Town Hall on Friday evening last. Though the weather was rather unfavorable there was a good attendance, the hall being nearly full.

The following nominations were made:

For Reeve—W. R. Mather, R. P. Coulter, and L. Meiklejohn.

For Councillors—L. Meiklejohn, Thos. Cook, Lyman Moon, J. L. Ashley, J. W. Haight, R. P. Coulter, S. Wright.

For Trustees—J. T. Belshaw, J. S. Morton John Shaw, Jas. McC. Potts, Thos. H. Matthews,

After the nominations were over the several candidates were called upon speak.

Mr. Mather gave an explanation of the financial position of the village, as well as the work of the County Council. He did not wish to be a candidate for the reeveship and retired.

Mr. Meiklejohn also declared that he was not a candidate for reeve, thus leaving Mr. Coulter elected by acclamation.

Of the candidates nominated for Councillors, all retired except Messrs. Meiklejohn, Wright, Ashley and Moon, who were declared elected.

The retiring trustees, Messrs. Belshaw, Morton and Shaw were also re-elected, Dr. Potts and Mr. Matthews retiring.

Nominations for the Township of Rawdon

At the meeting of the ratepayers of the township of Rawdon held at the Town Hall, Harold, on Friday last the following persons were nominated to form the Municipal Council for 1912:

For Reeve—Robert Cooke, by A. H. Bailey and C. W. Thompson. Resigned.

Thos. Montgomery, by Robert Cooke and Albert Tucker.

Walter W. Dracup, by Fred Jeffs and Jas. McComb. Resigned.

For Deputy Reeve—E. W. Hawkins, by Jas. Johnston and Wm. Farrell.

Robert Vance, by S. S. McComb and Jas. McComb. Resigned.

For Councillors—Chas. Mumby, by Robert Cooke and Jas. Johnston. Resigned.

Chas. B. McGuire, by Jas. W. Bailey and J. A. Potts. Resigned,

Ernest Brown, by J. A. Potts and Ernest Johnston. Resigned.

Robert Vance, by Archie Haslett and Alex Morton. Resigned.

Archie Haslett, by S. S. McComb and Marshal Sweet.

Chas. W. Thompson, by Geo. A. Eggleton and John Tanner.

Fred Jeffs, by A. H. Bailey and Albert Tucker.

The Council for the year is therefore composed as follows: Thos. Montgomery, Reeve; E. W. Hawkins, Deputy Reeve; A. Haslett, Fred Jeffs, C. W. Thompson, Councillors.

New Regulations For Public Schools

Copies of the new regulations and course of study for Public and High Schools have been distributed by the Educational Department. An examination of these reveals a number of important changes.

Grammar is no longer on the course of study for the third classes of the public schools, and the course in this subject for fourth classes has been considerably simplified.

The course in geography for all classes in the public school has considerably changed. Physical, commercial, and economic geography is to receive much greater attention than has been received in the past.

An effort is to be made to adapt the course of study in each school to the needs and special conditions of the locality. In schools with only one teacher the trustees may substitute for art and nature study, one or more of the following subjects: Domestic Science, Manual Training, Elementary Agriculture. Physical culture is obligatory in all classes of the public schools, and a manual will shortly be issued by the Educational Department for the guidance of the teacher taking up the subject.

A two-year course of study is outlined for fifth classes. On completing the first year's course, a pupil will take an examination which will entitle him to a junior graduation diploma. Both these examinations will be conducted by the education department and either diploma will admit the pupil to high school.

The character and scope of the entrance examination is unchanged, but in future it will be known as the junior high school examination. This examination loses much of its importance from the fact that there are two other ways of securing admission to the high school, viz.—(1) by means of a junior graduation department (2) by means of a senior graduation examination which admits the candidate to the middle school of the high school.

W. S. Symons, brakeman, late of Stirling, Scotland, was instantly killed, J. Lord, engineer, slightly injured, J. Wills, fireman, had an arm and ribs broken, Wesley Post, engineer, had both legs broken, one of which was amputated at the hospital, and J. Bone, fireman, had several ribs broken in a collision near Belleville.

A Public School Exhibition

A public examination and school fair, on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 20th, formed the closing exercises for West Huntingdon School for the year 1911. By means of a Fund formed by local subscriptions the teacher was enabled to offer a large number of small cash prizes and so aroused an unusual amount of interest and competition among the pupils. Contests for rapid work in arithmetic, accurate spelling, good penmanship, recitation and song, were arranged to be taken during the afternoon in the presence of the judges, and an old-fashioned spelling match was also a feature of the programme, to which were allotted three prizes. Similarly, competitions in art, map drawing, pencil drawing, compositions, copy books and attendance, were dealt with, and the walls of the room showed numerous splendid specimens of art and nature study collection.

In all, thirteen dollars were distributed, and not a family was without some award.

The trustees, Messrs. H. Wallace, Jas. Haggerty, and R. Jeffery supported the effort staunchly, and expressed in short addresses their keen appreciation of the project, promising to endeavor to have an annual grant for a similar purpose in the immediate future. Messrs. Peter Fargey, H. Ashley, P. McInroy, and others expressed also very kindly their satisfaction with the day's proceedings and the year's work. In all, fifty visitors attended, which number added to the 60 pupils present made a full house.

The judges were Miss E. Kingston, Miss Martha Fargey, and Mr. T. McLaughlin, home from Alberta for the winter. The thanks of all interested are due them for their excellent and impartial valuation of the large number of exhibits, as the work dealt with the entire nine classes of the school.

L. M. SHARPE, Teacher.

Another Canning Factory at Bloomfield

Bloomfield is to have a fourth canning plant. There have been numerous rumors of possible new plants in the county, but this week a deal went through that will give Bloomfield a new plant next year. H. W. Bedell, H. Y. Cooper, E. B. Puntelle and Benjamin Leavens are men behind the proposition.

The new company will be capitalized at $50,000. The charter will be applied for at once.

It is understood the intention is to put fully $40,000 in the plant itself, equipping it with the very finest and most modern of canning machinery.

The farm of J. H. Baxter, of 109 acres has been purchased by the new company. This will be the site for the new factory. It will be built along the railroad track, giving facilities for shipping.—Picton Gazette.

Auction Sales

THURSDAY, JAN. 11th—On lot 6, con. 9, Sidney, the farm stock and implements belonging to the late Aaron B. White. Sale at 12.30 sharp. Wm. Rodgers, auctioneer.

Married

ANDERSON HATFIELD—At the bride's home, on Dec. 22nd, by the Rev. B. F. Byers, M. A., Annie Maude Hatfield, of Sidney, to Edward Anderson, of Banff, Alberta.

SHAW-MITCHELL—At the residence of Mrs. Geo. Johns, sister of the bride, on Wednesday, Dec. 27th, by the Rev. B. F. Byers, Beatrice Mary Mitchell, of Stirling, to William James Shaw, Marmora.

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Fifty acres, part lot 23, con. 9, Sidney, ¾ mile from Stirling. Good brick house, barn, drive shed and hog pen. Good well. Land in a good state of cultivation, with small orchard. Choice land for gardening and small fruit. For further particulars apply to

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Good, sound, straight, Swamp Elm, cut 10 and 15 ft. long, wanted at Morgan's Mill, Spring Brook.

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Of all kinds always in stock. Coal sheds at G. T. R. Station. Small quantities of any kind can always be had at McKee's Harness Shop.
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There are only Eight more business days until Christmas. Think of it! Only fourteen more days for everyone to buy presents. Our stock is large and well assorted. We feel sure that we shall be well able to supply your needs. Come in and see our goods.

GLOVES make excellent Christmas gifts. We have them to suit all purses.

Ladies' Kid Gloves, all sizes, both Dent's and Perrin's makes, at.....$1.00 to $1.75 per pr.

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TIES—See our line of Men's Ties. They are unsurpassed. Our stock comprises all the latest shades and patterns in Silks. We also have the latest in Silk Knit Ties. See the latest HOBBLE TIE. They are beauties. Prices of our Ties range from.....12½c. to 50c. each

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Here is your chance to buy a Christmas present for some one at a greatly reduced price. Think of it—half price! Ten dollar Coats for $5.00, and $18.00 Coats for $9.00, etc. There are only 25 Coats. Do not fail to come early and make sure of procuring one of these bargains.

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Best fresh Seeded Raisins, 2 pkgs. for.....25c.
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Best Cleaned Currants, in pkgs., per pkg..only 10c.
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HOUSEHOLD

DAINTY DISHES.

Shortbread.—Take one pound of fine dry flour, six ounces of caster sugar, and half a pound of butter. Knead all well together. Roll out, and cut into shapes. Place on a baking tin, and bake slowly.

Ham in Jelly.—Put half a glass of currant jelly in a chafing dish with a tablespoonful of butter. When it is hot, lay in eight thin slices of cold boiled ham and simmer five minutes. Serve on toast triangles.

Tender Drumsticks.—To make the first joint of turkey or chicken tender and juicy, with a sharp knife split the back of the leg to the joint down deep to the bone. Pull out each hard tendon, beginning at the top and working downward. Sprinkle in a little salt and carefully sew up to retain shape. The result will be a tender, juicy piece.

Snow Cake.—Cream a quarter of a pound of butter with a quarter of a pound of caster sugar; add a well-beaten egg; then sift in gradually half a pound of potato flour, add a little grated lemon rind, and beat for ten minutes. Bake in a flat buttered tin for three-quarters of an hour in a slow oven. This cake should not be allowed to get brown.

Potato Puffs.—Boil one pound of potatoes, pass them through a wire sieve, mix well in two ounces of butter, one ounce of flour, a little baking powder and enough water to make it into a stiff paste. Roll this out and cut into rounds, place a little well-flavored minced beef in the centre of each, roll them up into a ball, and fry to a golden brown in boiling deep fat.

Sausage Pudding.—One pound of sausages steeped in boiling water to remove their skins. Make a suet crust, and line a pudding basin with it. Place on the crust the sausage meat, any scraps of cold meat you have, an onion chopped small, a few sage leaves, also chopped, pepper and salt, some stock, and mushroom ketchup to moisten the whole. Cover the pudding with suet crust, and boil in a floured cloth for three hours.

Mutton Rechauffe.—Here is a savory dish. Slice the cold roast mutton thin, and season with salt and pepper; have some cold boiled macaroni, in inch bits; put alternate layer of cracker crumbs, the meat, and the macaroni, in a buttered baking dish, with a spoonful of tomato catsup on the latter; proceed until the dish is filled, finishing with a thick layer of the crumbs moistened with two tablespoonfuls of melted butter.

A breast of mutton, if carefully cooked in this way, is a very good joint and we all know that it is not an expensive one. Tie the meat in a thin cloth, and simmer gently, allowing ten minutes for every pound of meat. Take it out of the cloth, place in the oven, cover with melted dripping, and baste constantly. Ten minutes before serving, dust it thickly with crumbs, place a few bits of dripping on it, and brown. Serve with thick gravy, and garnish with slices of carrots and bits of broccoli, or, indeed, with any vegetable in season.

Lemon Solid.—Put the thinly pared rinds of three lemons in a basin. Pour on them a pint of boiling water. Let these stand for an hour. Squeeze the juice of four lemons into another basin, beat up the yolks of five eggs, mix into the lemon juice a tablespoonful of cornflour, now put a breakfastcupful of loaf sugar into a stewpan, strain into it the water in which the lemon rind has been soaking, add the lemon juice and eggs. Stir the mixture over the fire till it thickens, but do not allow it to boil or it will curdle. This will make a large mould.

Stewed Celery.—Trim and cut to the same length a number of heads of celery, split them in two lengthwise, tie in bundles with thread, and parboil for a quarter of an hour in salted water. Drain these carefully, place in a clean saucepan, add an onion, a blade of mace, pepper and salt to taste. Add enough stock to cover the contents and cook gently till the celery is tender. Take away the string, arrange the celery neatly on a dish; take some of the stock in which it has been stewed, remove all fat from it, thicken with a little butter and flour, pour over the celery, and serve.

SALADS.

Cream Mayonnaise.—Mix half a cup of sour cream, two tablespoons of prepared mustard, three or four teaspoons of sugar. Delicious for cold meats.

Cabbage Pudding. — Use six crackers rolled fine, three pounds of cabbage chopped fine, one-half cup of butter, salt and pepper to taste; enough sweet milk to moisten; cover with large leaves of cabcabe and bake.

Bottle Salad Dressing—Take of vinegar three-quarters of a cup; butter, a teaspoon, melted; sugar, one-third cup; eggs four; mustard, a teaspoon, made into paste with cold water; salt, one-third teaspoon. Let vinegar and butter come to a boil, beat the sugar and eggs together; add mustard, stir into the boiling vinegar until it thickens, but do not boil. Remove from fire, place in bottle, and keep in a cool place. This will keep indefinitely, and always ready for use.

CONFECTIONERY.

Cocoanut Drops.—To one grated cocoanut add half its weight of sugar and the white of one egg beaten to a stiff froth; mix thoroughly and drop on buttered white paper or tin sheets. Bake fifteen minutes.

Three Minute Butter Scotch. — Use three-quarters cup of sugar, one tablespoon of water, butter the size of a walnut, one-half a tablespoon of vinegar. Boil until brittle; pour on buttered plates.

Uncooked Candy.—Mix one pound of powdered sugar in the white of one egg. Flavor to taste. This can be mixed with nuts and melted in any shape or used to stuff dates with. It is better after standing awhile. It also can be used as a filling for chocolate creams.

Wet Corn to Pop.—When corn will not pop try dipping the corn and cornpopper in cold water, then pop it. You will be surprised how much better it will be and the kernels will be twice the ordinary size. Take a cup of sugar, a half cup of water, and three tablespoonfuls of vinegar; boil until it strings, pour the syrup over the popped corn. Make into balls. Wet your hands in cold water so the corn will not stick to your hands.

GET A TIN TABLE.

Housekeepers who have never had a tin-covered table for kitchen use are still unacquainted with one of the most valuable articles of domestic economy. An ordinary kitchen table takes kindly to the metal cover. Fit a sheet of tin on the table, and perforate the edges for tacking. The tin should cover the thickness of the board top, that it may be tacked on the underside of the table. A table so covered needs no scrubbing, is impervious to hot kettles, sheds grease as the proverbial duck's back does water, and, in fact, cheers the heart of the kitchenmaid or housewife more than anything on earth.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Soap will go twice as far if well dried. It should be cut into small blocks, and then arranged in tiers with spaces between to allow them to dry.

The best way to keep windows from steaming or frosting is to clean the inside of the window with a cloth moistened with pure glycerine, wiping it so as to leave only a trace of the glycerine.

An excellent mixture to remove grease-spots from clothing is made of four parts alcohol to one part of ammonia, and about half as much ether as ammonia. Apply the liquid to the spot, and then rub with a sponge and clear water.

To prevent a goose being greasy pare a lemon very thin so that the white part is very thick. Place this inside the goose just before cooking, and remove it before dishing up. The lemon will not only absorb all the fat, but it will also impart a delicious flavor to the goose.

Shabby velvet can be improved as follows: First brush thoroughly so as to remove all dust, then spread a damp cloth on a hot iron, and over this draw the wrong side of the velvet. As soon as the steam from the velvet ceases the hot iron must be removed, or the velvet will scorch.

A Nice Way to Cook Sausages.—Put a pound of sausages into a saucepan with one pint of water and boil for three-quarters of an hour; then place on a hot dish in the oven to keep warm while the gravy is being thickened with two tablespoonfuls of flour and a little browning. Season with pepper and salt and pour over.

When washing a new blanket for the first time, begin by soaking it for twelve hours in cold water, then rinse in clear water. This will remove the sulphur used in the bleaching. After this wash the blanket in a lukewarm lather made of boiled soap and water. Rinse well in clear water, shake thoroughly and hang out to dry.

It is very injurious to children's teeth to allow them to eat bread and butter biscuits, or any farinaceous food in bed at night, and to go to sleep with particles of such clinging to the teeth. It ferments during the night, becomes acid, and slowly injures the enamel. Clean the children's teeth the last thing every night.

If it is necessary to wash corsets, take out the steels in front and sides. Lay the corsets on a flat surface, and with a small brush scrub them thoroughly with a tepid or cold lather of white Castile soap. When quite clean let cold water run on them by holding them under a running tap until the soap is all rinsed off. Pull them lengthwise until they are straight and shapely, and let them dry in a cool place, pulling them again when partly dry.

To make life happy, take time; it is of no use to fume and fret, or do as the angry housekeeper who has got hold of the wrong key, and pushes, shakes, and rattles it about the lock until both are broken and the door is still unopened. The chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex us and in cultivating our undergrowth of small pleasures. Try to regard present vexations as you will regard them a month hence. Since we cannot get what we like, let us like what we can get.

A STATESMAN'S SON.

Captain Walter Long, A.D.C. to his Royal Highness the Governor-General, is thirty-two years old, and has had a brilliant career in the army. He served throughout the South African war, was frequently mentioned in despatches and received the D.S.O. Captain Long is the eldest son of the Rt. Hon. Walter Hume Long, who has held many high Cabinet offices, including that of Chief Secretary for

Captain Walter Long, A.D.C.

Ireland, and who was one of the three in the running, the other day, for Mr. Balfour's late position. Like his distinguished father—who is the idol of the squires and yeomen of England—Capt. Long excels in field sports of all kinds. He is a good polo and cricket player, an excellent shot, and a keen cross-country rider. For three years he discharged the arduous duties of adjutant of the famous regiment, the Scots Greys.

COUNTING THE STARS.

Dutch Astronomer Says Number is About 842,000,000.

A tremendous task, that of counting the stars up to the 19th magnitude, has been undertaken by the Dutch astronomer, Prof. Kapteyn, who has collected all the material furnished by the most recent discoveries, notably those from the American observatories.

Stars of less size than the 14th magnitude are found in millions in the milky way, and the work of counting them from photographic plates can best be described as similar to counting blood corpuscles under a microscope.

Prof. Kapteyn places the total at 842,000,000 stars, the average being 20,400 stars to the square degree of the heavens. He has further calculated that the total light emanating from all the stars is equal to 2,384 times the luminosity of a star of the first magnitude.

According to the Dutch scientist the boundaries of the universe, as far as human science has been able to penetrate, extend to 32,000 light years.

WOODEN AMMUNITION.

Three years ago civil war was raging between two Afghan tribes, the Ali Khel and the Mala Khel. The latter tribe built great hopes of success on a cannon of such a size that 160 men were required to draw it. A Sikh trained in a British battery was engaged to work the gun, on the understanding that he received 20 rupees every time he hit the village fort of the foe. This did not prove renumerative, for according to an eye witness the ammunition consisted of "olive wood balls bound with iron bands, which have a highly eccentric flight and are calculated to do about equal damage to friend and foe." After a three days bombardment, in which the fort was hit only three times, the hostilities came to an end.

THE LONG FOREST OF AFRICA.

One of the great natural treasures of Africa, to the need of preserving which attention is being directed, is the immense extratropical forest that extends almost unbroken from the extreme southern end along the eastern highlands to the equator. These are gaps in it, and the trees change in kind somewhat with change of latitude, but upon the whole, it has the same character throughout. The altitude above the sea changes regularly with decrease of latitude. Near the Cape the forest grows at sea-level; in Natal and the Transvaal its altitude increases to 3,000, 4,000 and 5,000 feet; and on approaching the equator it rises to 7,000, and finally to 10,000 feet. In the equatorial highlands the growth is very vigorous, and the forest is enrich with the "pencil cedar" of Abyssinia.

SURELY DO.

Visitor—What do they make in all these mills around here?

Willie—Noise.

WEIRD CEREMOMY IN CEYLON

A BATTLE AGAINST DEADLY COBRA BITE.

Attempt to Save a Man Who Had Fallen a Victim to the Poisonous Reptile.

The day had been unusually hot and sultry even for Ceylon. But there was the prospect of a change. A cluster of small clouds which had risen over the hills had been followed by others larger in volume and blacker in color, until at length the north was darkened with and unbroken stretch of ominous vapor. Presently the foliage, parched and drooping, was stirred by the first skirmish of the approaching storm. The wind steadily increased in force, and the clouds rose, darkening the region over which they passed. There, from base to summit, a streak of light separated for an instant the thick mass, and a moment afterward a distant rumbling reached the ear from the troubled heavens. There was a steady subdued light casting around well defined shadows on the dry earth. But few persons were abroad, and except that occasionally a coolie hurried by in the hope of reaching his destination before the tempest burst, the road was left to the dust, which was blown along in diagonal lines, says a writter in the Pall Mall Gazette.

In one of the native dwellings that lay back from the road, embowered in palms and a wealth of tropical vegetation, a young man lay between life and death. He had been

BITTEN BY A COBRA.

and an inclination to sleep was over-powering him. More than once he had closed his eyes and allowed his head to drop, and for a time had resisted the frantic efforts of his friends to arouse him. The Kapurala had been sent for, and had just arrived with his company of dancers, tomtom beaters and singers, and they were now making preparations for the ceremony by means of which they would endeavor to drive out the evil spirits by which the sick man was invested. They covered him in leaves and flowers, and erected by his side a figure representing the demon they sought to exorcise, and, near at hand, they placed an altar, upon which they arranged offerings of flowers, rice and flesh, by way of propitiation. Then they left to don their professional attirement.

Meanwhile, the storm had broken with terrific violence over mountain and valley. The rain descended in torrents, saturating the parched jungle and causing the roads to welter in floods of muddy water that rushed along the conduits on the wayside. The black screen of cloud which had cast a shade over the land was now merged in the natural darkness of the evening. The lightning became more and more vivid, and the thunder louder and more terrible. Flash after flash shot through the black mass, illuminating the surrounding country and revealing the outline of the adjacent mountains and then again leaving all steeped in darkness. The thunder made the heart of the bravest leap. It was a Walpurgis night indeed!—a night when the whole company of evil spirits were awake, and holding communion in the neighboring jungle. The intermittent light showed in each puddle, in each drop of rain, or on each leaf, a sudden sparkling as of

SOME DEMON'S GLANCE,

that blazed for an instant and then as quickly disappeared; and the thunder, the music of its infernal gathering, accompanied it like a blare from the Brocken itself.

The villagers had sought refuge in their huts, and despite the rage of the elements, were endeavoring to sleep. But one family were up and could not rest, for there the Kapurala and his strange associates still conducted their midnight orgies over the fleeting soul of the unconscious native. The company had returned to the hut arrayed in their weird apparel. The dancers wore short cotton skirts, puckered up into flounces, and round their loins were thick leather girdles, gaudily decorated with colored buttons and metal knobs. Their breasts were covered with a network of beads in concentric circles, and meeting in the middle under bright discs of brass. The headpieces would have done justice to the most whimsical of demons. They had white metal crowns, the castellated rims heads of the weavers, and, in front, rose seven ornaments of plated silver like an array of feathers, and from each hung trinkets and pendants in all varieties. Round their necks and on their arms and feet were a wealth of ornament, necklaces of beads, heavy bangles, armlets and hollow anklets filled with beads.

The ceremony was conducted in the light of a small cocoanut oil lamp, which barely sufficed to show the features of the performers, but the lightning, gleaming almost without intermission through the open doorway, made up for its shortcomings. Standing by the head of the dying man, holding out his hands and twisting himself about, the Kapurals was chanting a strange, incoherent air, in which the singers at first joined listlessly. As he proceeded his fervor increased, until his movements became

THOSE OF A MANIAC.

He was accompanied in his sparodic gestures and grotesque postures by the other dancers. Suddenly they would become motionless, with hands outstretched, singing to the unhallowed taunping of the tomtoms; and then, as momentarily, they would bend their knees almost to a sitting posture, and advance by slow and convulsive steps, while their trinkets tinkled and their wild song added terrors to the tempest shaken night. Then their movements would become more vigorous, until they had worked themselves up into a frenzy, in which the tomtom beaters fully participated. The latter struck their instruments with bare hands and with great force, all the time contorting their faces until they assumed the most demoniac expressions. To the accompaniment of the storm the scene was impressive in the extreme, for the devil dancers clapped their hands, screamed and halloed in a manner so wild that it filled with awe even those who had witnessed the ceremony many times before.

At length they desisted, and the inmates of the hut grew more composed. The storm, too, had shown signs of abating. The lightning was less vivid, and, except now and then for a flash unusually dazzling, it was passing away to other districts. The thunder was heard only as a distant rumbling, and the dark bank of cloud which had heralded the approaching storm had travelled on until, through its silvery fringe, gleamed the welcome rays of the moon. The light shone down upon the fresh earth, sodden by the copious rain, and stole among the native dwellings and through the open door of one whose inmates had secured no rest that night. The Kapurala was stooping over the prostrate form of the sick man. All apparently was still, for coma had supervened, respite the extraordinary efforts of the devil dancers to prevent it. The face was set, and there was a tranquillity about it that caused the beholder to gaze at it earnestly for some minutes. Then, seeing that his rites were unavailing, he turned away and taking the offerings of food and flowers from the altar as custom allowed, stole out into the cool night, followed by his companions. The cobra had prevailed.

CHILDREN IN EARTHQUAKE.

Affecting Incidents Related By an Eye-Witness.

At the time of the earthquake at Kingston, Jamaica, in 1907, Hugh Oakeley Arnold-Forster and his wife were visitors at Kingston. In her memoir of her husband, Mrs. Arnold-Forster tells of some of the memorable happenings in the stricken city.

There were so few helpers in comparison to the dreadful number hurt that we had just to turn to and assist, even in the operations, and give the chloroform to the doctors. Tiny children were brought to the wharf hospital. One mite of a few weeks old, as black as a little coal, was weeping sadly. It had been picked up in the street, and went to sleep in my arms as we carried round the food and oranges that had been sent by Sir. Alfred Jones. My black piccaninny made all the patients laugh, even in their misery.

One little boy, only seven or eight, was there with his mother and two other little ones. The mother's legs were broken as she was pinned under the fallen brickwork of her house; the little boy had scrambled back over the tottering walls and debris, and had saved both the babies. He was very little hurt, and took me to see "my babies," and watched me feed them with much delight. Everard and Gerald de Souza were two other little brothers, very refined and sweet, both of them hurt, who lay holding hands on one mattress the first night I was in the hospital. When I fed them, they insisted on knowing my name; and holding my hand, they said their prayers, praying for me very sweetly, and I tucked them up, and hoped to see them again. But on the next morning their people must have fetched them away, for they were gone, and I did not see them again.

QUEER MEMORIALS.

Except to call attention to the fect that we are all mortal, a hearse seems a very queer memorial to the famous dead; but it was recently stated that one village in England had decided to keep the memory of King Edward green by the purchase of such a vehicle. A hearse also commemorates the many virtues and long reign of Queen Victoria. This is at Burghersdrop, in Cape Colony, where the natives bought a gorgeous hearse to carry their dead to the cemetery, the vechicle bearing a plate with the inscription, "Queen Victoria Memorial Hearse." New York some time ago decided to erect a drinking-fountain in honor of the memory of a colored pugilist, while even criminals are not without their monuments. Meldola, near Ravenna, in Italy, put up a statue to the memory of the notorious Orsini, who tried to assassinate Napoleon III. He is represented on the way to execution.

Some men imagine they can get what they want only by fighting for it.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, DECEMBER 31.

Review. Golden Text, I. John 1. 9.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 John 1. 9.

One Truth This Lesson Teaches. —That the fulfilment of prophecy and the climax of sacred history came in the birth of the King.

The Aim.—To show that the King of Love came to seek and to save all.

Clue to Pupil's Interest.—The reviewing of troops.

Introduction.—Did you ever see soldiers marching before a government officer for inspection? In June I saw some boys and young men in a military school stand such a test. There, for hours, they marched back and forth before the government inspector. In and out, across, up and down the field they went. They pitched their tents and built their camp fires. They showed all that they had learned to perfection. Not one made a mistake. The officer was "reviewing" the company and they were reviewing what they had been learning all of the year.

Lesson Story. We have come to a day like that in our lesson study. We are to review what we have been learning and to prove our faithfulness along the way by what we know now that the review day has come. If we have really studied we will know the answers to the following questions:

What prophet was called to be a watchman?

What was the meaning of the vision of the great stream that flowed from beneath the temple?

Who led the children of Israel on their return from captivity? Why did they lay a foundation for a second temple? Who wrote a song of deliverance for them? Why?

What brave queen risked her life for her people?

What was the meaning of Belshazzar's vision and who interpreted it?

What kind of a leader did Ezra prove himself in the long journey back to Jerusalem?

Why did Nehemiah make his noble, unselfish prayer to God?

How was his prayer answered?

What difficulties beset him in his work and how did he meet them?

What was the Feast of the Trumpets and how was it first celebrated?

What King came as a fulfillment of prophecy?

Why did he come?

How long shall he reign?

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The Paris seamstress is called midinette because she is seen on the streets at midi, or midday, where she strolls along, smiling, chatting, often singing, as she munches her noonday meal, which usually consists of fried potatoes or a piece of sausage. She works long hours under conditions which with few exceptions are deplorable; some of the big establishments, however, have already done much to better conditions.

Each midinette is a specialist in her line, as she does only one thing and can hardly hope to learn how to make a complete dress. This plan of work, however, results in a mechanical expedition. All work is prepared for the seamstresses by the premiers and the secondes, who after the piecework is done, assemble the various parts. The emoroidery which is so much a feature of Paris toilettes is usually done outside the dressmaking establishment, in big rooms given over to embroidery workers exclusively.

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Pleasure often turns out to be a stepping stone to misery.

CLOSE QUARTERS;

OR, THE HOUSE IN THE RUE BARBETTE

CHAPTER XI.—(Cont'd)

"Not the slightest," said Brett, smiling, "except perhaps this, that instead of calling on Miss Talbot this evening you may be locked up on the charge of housebreaking."

"Um," said the earl, thoughtfully, "I had not thought of that. It will be more fun to take her by surprise. So here goes to get my traps packed."

After Lord Fairholme's departure Brett took matters easily. He did not put in an appearance at the Prefecture until late in the afternoon, and, as he surmised, the commissary whom he encountered the previous night had even then only just arrived at his office. Without any difficulty, the barrister was introduced to the official, who evidently awaited an explanation of the visit with great curiosity.

"I think," Brett began, "that your agents, monsieur, were watching me throughout the whole of yesterday."

"That is so," nodded the other, wondering what pitfall lay behind this leading question.

"Do I take it that after my departure from No. 11, Rue Barbette about midday they maintained no further guard over that house?"

"Assuredly. It was monsieur's personal movements which called for observation."

"Then you do not know that an individual whose identity may be much more important than mine is an inmate of the apartment at this moment—probably a captive against his will, possibly a corpse?"

The Frenchman's huge moustache bristled with alarm and annoyance.

"It is a strange thing, monsieur," he cried, "that an English gentleman should come to Paris and know more about the movements and haunts of criminals than the French police."

It was no part of Brett's design to rub the official the wrong way, so he said gently—

"Your remark is quite justifiable, and under ordinary circumstances any such pretence on my part would be ridiculous. But you must remember, monsieur, that I came here from London possessed of special information which was not known even to the police authorities in that city. I am working solely in the private interest of persons high in English Society, and it would not serve the purpose of any of the Governments concerned were too much stress publicly laid on their connection with this mystery. If I can succeed in elucidating the problem it will be a comparatively easy matter for the police to bring the real criminals to justice. As a step towards that end I have come to you now to place you in possession of a clue which may reveal itself in the Rue Barbette. All I ask is, in the first instance, that the affair may be conducted with the utmost secrecy, and secondly, that you will permit me to be present when you examine the person whom I expect to find there. I may be able to help you very materially in your questions, provided the man is alive and well."

The commissary was soothed. The barrister's judicial reference to the importance and confidential nature of the inquiry raised in his mind a dazzling vision of personal distinction and preferment.

"The matter shall be conducted with the utmost discretion," he cried. "What force does monsieur consider to be requisite in order to examine this house thoroughly, and prevent the attempted escape of others whom we may find there in addition to the man described?"

Brett with difficulty repressed a smile. "I do not think that a large force of police will be necessary. If you yourself, monsieur, and another officer will accompany me in a cab, I am sure we will be able to deal with all possible opposition. There is no exit from the flat save through the main door, and the apartment is situated on the second story. Escape by way of the windows is practically impossible if we act with promptitude."

The commissary could not reach the Rue Barbette too rapidly. He bundled a subordinate into a fiacre, and the three were driven off at breakneck speed.

They stopped the vehicle at the corner of the street and walked quietly to the house, attracting no attention, as neither of the Frenchmen was in uniform.

Inquiry from the concierge elicited the information that none of the occupants of the flat tenanted by the Turkish gentlemen had put in an appearance since the previous afternoon. So the trio mounted the staircase, and without any preliminary summons the junior official applied his shoulder to the door.

The lock yielded quite readily. Indeed, the damage done by Lord Fairholme was but temporarily repaired, and no special precaution had been taken to fasten the place. All was quiet within. The first room they searched was empty. So was the second; but in a bedroom the door of which was locked and required forcible treatment, an extraordinary sight met their eyes.

Stretched on the bed, gagged and securely tied, was the figure of the diminutive Frenchman, who, little more than twenty-four hours earlier had so coolly suggested that Brett should be murdered.

Stout leather thongs were fastened to his wrists and ankles and then tied to the four uprights of the bed. His arms and legs were consequently stretched apart, and the only sign of vitality about the man was the terrible expression of fear and hate in his eyes as he looked at them.

The gag stuffed in his mouth prevented him from uttering the slightest coherent sound, whilst the agony of his frame owing to the position in which he lay, joined to the exhaustion induced by terror and want of food rendered him a pitiable object.

They removed the gag and cut the bonds. The poor wretch remained on his back unable to move, though he flinched somewhat when the police, as gently as possible, loosened the leather straps from his wrists and ankles, for his useless struggles had caused the thongs to cut deeply into his skin.

Brett was the first to realize the unfortunate wretch's chief requirement. He procured some water, raised the man's head, and allowed him to take a deep and invigorating draught.

"Why, it is 'The Worm!'" said the junior policeman. "I know him well. He is a pickpocket, an expert rascal in his line, but hardly up to the standard of great events."

At the sound of his nickname a flicker of intelligence came into the little thief's eyes, but he was still dazed, and did not recognize his rescuers.

"I don't care what you do with me," he murmured at last, in weak and cracked voice. "Kill me quietly if you want to, but don't tie me up again; I have done nothing to deserve it. I really haven't. I have been acting quite square in this business." And then he broke down and whimpered further protestations of innocence.

"He is weak from want of food, and dazed with terror," said Brett quietly. "I suggest that one of you should get him some meat and wine, whilst the others remain here and endeavor to reassure him. Meanwhile we might examine the place."

The commissary thought Brett's suggestion a good one. His assistant summoned the concierge and attended to the wants of "The Worm," whilst Brett and the commissary conducted a careful scrutiny of the premises.

They found little, however, beyond a considerable accumulation of dirt; for the ways of Turks are primitive and their habits unpleasant in European households. It was evident that before taking their departure the occupants of the flat had carefully removed or destroyed all documents or other articles which might throw light on their proceedings.

The leather thongs which bound the prisoner evoked some comment from the barrister.

"These are somewhat unusual articles," he said to the commissary. "You will notice that they are cut from raw cowhide and well stretched. In other words, they are familiar 'bow-strings' of Constantinople, and warranted not to yield if twisted round the neck. I think they will answer for other purposes than tying people to beds."

"We must find these Turks," said the commissary. "They are desperate characters."

"Find them by all means," said Brett earnestly, "but on no account arrest them."

"And why, monsieur?" cried the other, with elevated eyebrows.

"Because if you do you will paralyze our future actions. When all is said and done, the only charge you can bring against them is a trivial one. It is evident they merely tied up this man, either with the object of frightening him into a confession, or leave their hands free whilst they dealt with his employers. Perhaps they had both objects in view. In either event the appearance of the police on the scene would close their mouths more tightly than an oyster. As it is, I expect they will return, and, if possible, you must compel the concierge to conceal the fact that you have visited the house. Let him put all the blame on me. They know that I am mixed up in the inquiry, and fear me far less than the recognized authorities.

"Oblige me in this respect and you will not regret it."

The policeman was wise enough to fall in with the suggestion.

An hour later "The Worm" was taken in a cab to the Prefecture, as his condition was yet so hopeless that little real benefit could ensue for a searching cross-examination.

So Brett parted company with the officials, having made an appointment with the commissary for the next day at noon, when they assumed that the prisoner would be considerably recovered from his weakness and fright.

The barrister subsequently made a round of the minor cafes in the neighborhood of the Cirque d'Hiver. After much casual questioning, he elicited the information that a well-known circus, of which Mdlle. Beaucaire was one time a shining light, was performing at that moment in Marseilles. He ascertained that during the winter season this class of entertainment perambulated the South of France.

The actor from whom he gleaned these important facts said that he had a trustworthy friend in Marseilles who would easily be able to ascertain whether or not La Belle Chasseuse intended to rejoin her former profession. Brett secured his hearty co-operation by a liberal donation for expenses.

The barrister resolved to pay another visit to the Cabaret Noir late that evening, but he waited in the hotel until nearly ten o'clock in anxious expectation of a telegram from Fairholme.

At last the message arrived. Its contents were laconic.

"Right first time," it ran. "Invalid lady's name 'Jack.' Somewhat exhausted, after long confinement. Edith delighted. Jack visits Under-Secretary to-night. We all propose joining you in Paris tomorrow. Do you approve?"

Brett promptly wired, "Yes," and then set out for Montmartre, dressing himself in the height of fashion so far as his wardrobe would permit, and donning a fierce moustache and wig, which completely altered his appearance. He looked like a successful impressario or popular Italian tenor.

CHAPTER XII.

The fair-ground of Montmartre was in full swing when Brett arrived there. The Cabaret Noir was in charge of his former acquaintance, the weary-eyed waiter, and other assistants.

The barrister wondered whether Mdlle. Beaucaire had taken her father completely into her confidence. To make certain he questioned the waiter.

"Is Monsieur Beaucaire in?"

"But yes, monsieur. You will find him in the billiard-room."

This time Brett was not conducted through the private passage that led through the rear of the bar. The man politely indicated another entrance, and brought him to the proprietor with the introductory remark—

"A gentleman who wishes to see you."

The room was tenanted by a nondescript crowd, whose attention was promptly attracted by the appearance of a stranger, and a well-dressed one at that.

The games in progress at the two tables momentarily suspended, whilst Gros Jean, a corpulent man above the middle height, whose legs seemed to be too frail to support his rotund body, advanced, peering curiously beneath his bushy eyebrows to get a glimpse of the newcomer, for the shaded light did not fall on Brett's features, and Mr. Beaucaire wondered who the stranger could be. The barrister almost started when he recognized his fellow-passenger, the man who travelled to Paris with Gaultier and himself. Gros Jean bowed politely enough, and murmured something about being at Brett's service.

"Oh, it is nothing of great importance," said Brett airily, as he was not anxious to attract too much observation from the unwashed humanity who took such interest in him. "I merely wish to know when it will be convenient for me to have some conversation with mademoiselle, your charming daughter?"

"May I inquire the reason, monsieur?" said the other.

"Certainly. I have heard of her skill as an artist, and it is possible I may be able to arrange a London engagement for her."

"Ah," said the landlord deprecatingly, "what a pity! Had monsieur called here yesterday he could have seen mademoiselle. She has now left Paris for some weeks."

"Perhaps," said Brett, "I may have the pleasure of meeting her elsewhere. I myself depart to-morrow on a tour in the South of France. It is possible that mademoiselle may be employed in some of the southern cities. If so I will certainly make it my business to call on her."

(To be continued.)

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On the Farm

WINTER PIGS.

There is a decided difference in caring for the pigs of autumn farrowing and those of the spring litters. On the average farm the latter have the advantage over the former of coming in previous to the advent of the springing grasses, and have a more generous supply of milk and other laxative foodstuffs to keep them growing and in perfect order. writes Mr. G. W. Brown.

It has been my practice for a number of years to raise two litters of pigs a year. To do this successfully I find that one must not allow over-stocking, but rather should sell off a portion of the pigs soon after weaning time, keeping only so many as he knows he can accommodate with good quarters and generous feeding. One must not slight pigs during cold weather, either in housing or feeding.

Besides dry nesting-quarters, the pigs should have a good-sized lot in which they may get plenty of exercise. Growing pigs should not be crowded into close, filthy quarters, exposed to vermin and disease.

Our winter pigs are very profitably fed upon whole corn in the fodder, as they delight in getting their feed from this material. I find that they eat very much of the fodder, which forms a fine diet. The cobs and coarse stalks are raked up and burned frequently, affording the pigs a generous supply of charcoal.

I aim to keep a cow, for every litter of milk-stuffs I can grow a bunch of winter pigs, and with the milk and a supply of pigs equal to the spring litters.

KEEP SEED POTATOES COOL.

Potatoes intended for seed should be kept hard and plump during the winter, and this can be done only by keeping them so cool that they will not sprout. When potatoes sprout they take part of the starch that is stored up in them and manufacture it into living cells. This energy is all wasted, for the sprouts have to be pulled off.

Some farmers make it a point to sprout their potatoes once or twice during the winter, this being done to prevent their growing. But the amount of energy thus lost is considerable and the loss increases as the winter draws to a close.

I raise potatoes in large quantities, and each year place them in cold storage. I prefer to pay the expense of the storage and be sure that they are kept in a perfectly plump state, rather than to keep them in a room with a high temperature, as is done by some.

In the spring the potatoes come out of the cold storage house in perfect condition, and it takes but a few weeks for them to develop strong sprouts that rise out of the soil and develop strong stalks and leaves.

Many farmers have not the opportunity to put their potatoes in cold storage houses, but they should endeavor to keep their potatoes at a very low temperature. The nearer 33 degrees potatoes are kept, the better.—W. S.

POULTRY NOTES.

Never make the mistake of feeding commercial feed that contains ground oyster shell to very young chicks. It is all right to give it to a full grown bird, but it is death to youngsters as it causes white diarrhoea of which they die in three or four hours.

Many persons feed their fowls oats, but we do not believe it is a good thing, as it is likely to cause irritation in the intestines.

If you have a male bird that has proved a good breeder do not discard him until you are quite sure that his days of usefulness are over—but keep watch for that event.

The best prices for breeding birds are obtained at the poultry shows. Beginners generally get the fever about that time.

Men who have lost money in the business say it costs fully fifteen cents per pound to place a broiler on the market. That is the cost of eggs, hatching and feed, leaving nothing for the man who does the work.

LIME IN THE STABLE.

To disinfect a stable and destroy decaying animal or vegetable matter lime is excellent to use. But manure should be preserved and not destroyed, consequently lime should never be used in or about a stable where manure is made or kept. Its use decomposes the manure and liberates the ammonia—the most valuable element of plant food.

Acid phosphate, ground rock phosphate and land plaster are the three best materials to use if other absorbents are scarce.

Air slacked lime contains a mixture of carbonate and hydrate of lime. It is not so caustic as fresh burned lime. Limestone is perfectly neutral and has the same value as dirt or road dust as an absorbent. It also possesses a value on sour, heavy soil because it neutralizes the soil acidity and improves its physical condition.

GERMAN RED TAPE.

A Comical Instance of the Way It Is Carried Out.

Those who insist upon the Government regulating everything and curing everything, from individual soft corns to insuring bank deposits, should take warning from the condition in which the Germans find themselves. Endless red tape binds every German's actions; he is never for a moment allowed to feel himself free from some restrictition, and the officials are continually poking into every detail of life and regulating it. A comical instance of the way in which these officials proceed is furnished by an incident from Berlin. A country girl employed about a thrashing machine was injured so as to have both of her legs amputated. She applied to the State insurance fund, and receieved a monthly pension of $3.50. One day the officials notified her that the pension was reduced to $3. She kicked as well as a girl could who had only wooden legs, and in the course of time the officials in their own leisurely way informed her that they had carefully examined her case. They had found that since she had no longer any legs she was saved the expense of shoes and stockings, and she ought to be grateful to the Government for having furnished her, without cost, a pair of wooden legs. To rub it in, they reminded her that she had not been charged with the alcohol in which the amputated members were preserved. Government officials seem very much alike whether they speak our language or German.

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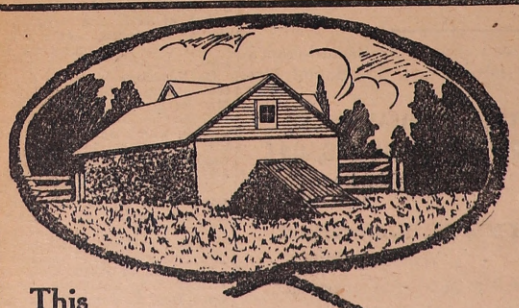

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THE THREE VETERANS

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Trio of Battle-Scarred Politicians Who Meet Again on the Floor of the House of Commons Have Together More Than a Century of Service to Their Credit — Haggart Was Five When Laurier Was Born.

With rare exceptions, the public life of a member of the House of Commons is precarious, and as a rule it is comparatively short. Apart from the vicissitudes of human existence, from which a member is no more exempt than the ordinary mortal, he is exposed to the vagaries of political fortune, and of all forms of fortune none is more fickle than that depending up popular favor.

Men come and men go, and so too do questions and policies, but Parliament, like the river, flows on. As a consequence the average length of the public life of a member of the House of Commons is comparatively short, probably not exceeding the lives of two Parliaments, or about eight years.

To this there are, of course, exceptions — the cases of men whose political lot has been cast in pleasant places, whose friends are numerous and loyal, whose adversaries a minority, and whose constituencies continue, election after election, to return them to the House of Commons. The exceptions to the rule become the veterans of the House, and wholly apart from other considerations, they are interesting because they are living links between the present and the past.

The three veterans of the present House are not only interesting because of their length of service there, but also because of their character and ability, their past achievements, and the high places they now occupy in our public life. Ranked according to seniority these three veterans of the House of Commons are the Hon. John Haggart, the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Hon. Dr. Sproule. The first two are ex-Ministers of the Crown ,and one of the two ex-Prime Minister; the third is Speaker of the House and the only one of the three now in office.

Much of the history of what may be called modern Canada, has been made since these men signed the roll, took the oath, and were given seats in the House of Commons. To the creating of that history each has made important contributions, nor is their work completed. In fact, each has taken up a new task and further services are now to be performed.

It is now thirty-nine years since Mr. Haggart first took his seat in the House of Commons, thirty-seven years in the case of Sir Wilfrid, and thirty-three in the case of Dr. Sproule. All told, the three have served one hundred and nine years in Parliament.

Besides length, their service possesses this equally remarkable feature—the service of each has been continuous. When they first came to the House they came to stay, and there they are to-day, white-haired to be sure, but vigorous and in some respects performing the most onerous duties discharged there — presiding over the House, leading the Opposition, and defending the Government.

Their memberships, it has been said, have been continuous, without a break from the long-ago day when they first entered the House, to the present time. In two cases this is absolutely correct — the cases of Mr. Haggart, and Dr. Sproule. In the case of Sir Wilfrid it is practically correct, for although he was defeated in 1877, when, as a member of the Mackenzie Government, he went back to Drummond-Arthabaska for re-election, he was returned with very little delay for Quebec East, and was really not out of the House, so far as sessional work was concerned.

Throughout their long Parliamentary careers, Mr. Haggart and Dr. Sproule have sat for the constituencies that first sent them to the House. Sir Wilfrid has made only one change —that of 1877, and which circumstances compelled. Since that time he has been the member for Quebec East.

On November 14 — the day before the opening of the present session—Mr. Haggart was seventy-five years old, for he was born in 1836—the year in which was opened for traffic the first railway in Canada, which was the railway from Laprairie to St. Johns in the Province of Quebec.

Mr. Haggart is as old as our railway system. As an administrator he is best known as ex-Miniser of Railways, for that was the portfolio he had been holding, when, with his party, he went out of office in 1896.

The town of Perth, Ont., was his birthplace, to which his parents had come from Scotland—his father from Breadalbane, and his mother from the Isle of Skye. He received his education at Perth; and when he was a little boy of five years, almost ready to begin school; there came into the world at the little village of St. Lin, about thirty miles north of Montreal, the second of this group of Parliamentary veterans—the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who the other day celebrated his seventieth birthday.

Dr. Sproule, the third of these Parliamentary veterans, was born in the Township of King, York County, Ont., on October 25, 1843. He is, therefore, two years younger than Sir Wilfrid and seven years younger than Mr. Haggart.

Sir Wilfrid was born in the year of the union, the creation of which had to a large extent been produced by the insurrection of four years before. Kingston was then the capital of Canada, Lord Sydenham its Governor-General, and a Tory Government, led by Wm. Draper, were in control.

The early training, the vacations chosen, and the private careers of the three men were wholly different; and their paths would never have crossed had they not led to the political arena, where the greater part of the life of each man has been spent. —Montreal Standard.

HE CHANGED THE GAME.

Harry Griffith Made Rugby a Matter of Speed.

Rugby football as played in Central Canada has undergone a great change in the past few years. The game has changed, and is still changing. And the spirit of the game has altered and will continue to alter as the pastime eliminates brute strength features in favor of speed, strategy, and high-minded sportsmanship. There must be a development in thought before there will be improvement. Conception always precedes reform. Who started the revolution in football we don't know. Many minds assisted in the good work. Burnside when he worked out his, now almost forgotten, snap back system, which put the ball into play quickly and rendered the game open and spectacular, helped. Other aided in varying degrees, and so the good work progressed. Meantime over at St. Catharines a young man of ideas was putting new conceptions of football into the heads of the youth of Ridley College. He came with the message that speed and brains could overcome brawn, and he was so sure of himself that others believed him.

Then he came to Toronto and took the senior teams of the University of Toronto into his confidence and breathed in their ear that they were champions, and they listened and followed the instructions of the new prophet, and presto! it was so.

The following year, with a new squad of players at his disposal, the man who coached for the love of doing it, welded together what was considered the best team that ever stood on a gridiron. They were great because they played as a unit. They played with all their hearts and heads. And, with the honor of their Alma Mater on their hands, it can be safely said that they never did a mean, underhand, dirty trick in the whole schedule of games. That was the way Griffith taught them to play the game, and that is how they played it.

Harry, or "Reddy," or Hon. Coach, it doesn't matter what you call him, you are bound to respect him. He is a man of force. He has a bright, piercing eye, a high, commanding Roman nose, and a well-developed forest of dark red hair, indicates his great nervous energy. He is a born commander and strategist, and if he had been born a century or so ago, he would surely have been a general of some renown.

In many respects he has shown the spirit and force of a military commander. He is domineering. He is a strict disciplinarian. When he speaks a period falls and that particular matter is closed. A tyrant you will say, and the answer is yes and no. He is a tyrant in that he will brook no interference, but he is a magnetic leader, and his men love and respect him even though they do fear—and they do fear him.

It is singular, but it's true, that one man by the very force of his mind can subjugate others to his will, how, when he speaks the sound of his voice brings them to attention like soldiers, and vitalizes all their latent energies. Thus is Griffith.

He has worked and not in vain. Three years running he brought out the greatest football machines ever turned loose on the rugby field. Dr. Wright assisted him in the coaching and the players worked out his play with marvelous cleverness on the gridiron. But 'twas Griffith that supplied the spirit and the brains. This year he has been assisting Dr. Wright, but it's ever the same. The genial doctor supplies the brains, but Griffith still supplies the energy, the spirit.

Hon. Clifford Sifton's Escape.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, who was extremely prominent in the reciprocity campaign, had a narrow escape from death the other day near Ottawa.

Mr. Sifton, an enthusiastic member of the Ottawa Hunt Club, was chasing the hounds with some other members of the club.

The run was a wildly exciting one. The eager huntsmen even followed the foxes along the railway track. The dogs were slowly creeping down on their prey. Hunters shouted, horses thundered, dogs barked.

Above the deafening medley of sounds arose the hoarse shriek of a locomotive. It had been tooting for several minutes, but the hunters were so absorbed in their sport, that they had not given it a thought.

Suddenly the powerful engine and its train of clattering cars whirled through a clearing in the woods near by. It flashed down the track right upon the hunters at full speed.

Some of the hunting party scampered across the rails. Hon. Mr. Sifton, who is very deaf, did not realize the oncoming danger. Two of the hunters sprang to his aid and cleared the track with him, just before the heavy train rocked past in its wild career.

A Soldier First.

There is, perhaps, no description which the Duke of Connaught, the new Governor-General of Canada, appreciates more than being termed "Britain's Soldier Duke." He has always insisted on being recognized as a soldier first and a member of the royal family afterwards. In this connection a good story is told. Walking one night after sundown along the road through camp, a sentry recognized him and promptly turned out the guard. The duke acknowledged the salute, and then walked up to the sentry. "Why did you turn the guard out after 'Retreat' had sounded?" he enquired. "Orders is, turn out the guard at all times to members of the Rile Fam'ly, sir." "Then kindly remember that I'm only a general at Aldershot, whatever I am at Windsor," was the quick reply.

Poor Timber Along H. B. Railway.

Reports of exploration parties along the route of the Hudson Bay Railway have been received by the forestry branch of the Department of the Interior, and are very disappointing. The timber areas were found to have been burned over, except in some isolated instances, and careful conservation will be required to produce forests of merchantable timber.

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Sydney In Earnest.

Sixty of the leading citizens of Sydney, N.S., sat down at the festival board in Sydney the other night.

The occasion was a striking one. The city was entertaining the directors of two of the largest industries in Cape Breton. The chief business men of Sydney, over cigars, had the privilege of talking heart to heart Sydney's future with the directors of the two great Nova Scotia companies —the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. and the Dominion Coal Co.

Men like Mr. J. H. Plummer, Mr Fred Nicholls, and Senator MacKeen discussed problems which are imminent in Sydney just now.

Mr. Plummer aroused great enthusiasm when he declared that there was no better place on the coast for a shipbuilding plant than New Sydney.

A Tale of the Sea.

There is a sea captain in Halifax, and the fish plead to eat right out of his hand.

He is the gallant Captain Chambers of the Furness liner Durango.

Captain Chambers has just sailed his ship over the seas from London.

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The Durango had a peculiar experience on the way over. Out in mid-ocean the liner came to a dead stop.

On investigation it was found that the circulation pumps weren't working, and would not work until the intake pipe was relieved of the school of swarming fish which were trying to board the boat by this route.

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